**A level Economics: Transition work– Year 11**

**Task 1: Stay engaged with Economics news: (30 mins each week)**

**How to do this:**

* Listen to a reliable economics podcast (e.g. The Economist Podcasts, The Inquiry, Planet Money, or BBC’s Business Daily)
* OR read the *BBC Economics* section, The Economist / a broadsheet newspaper’s business pages (e.g. *The Financial Times*, *The Times*, *The Guardian* Economics section)
* Then, complete one page of your **Economics News Diary** each week. You should have **4 complete diaries** by the end of the summer.

**Each diary entry should include:**

* The headline and date of the article or podcast
* A brief summary of what happened (who, what, where, when)
* Why it matters in a **economic context** (e.g. effect on a business, the economy, consumer, the government)
* What might the short-term or long-term consequences be? Do you agree with how it’s being handled?

**Task 2: Economics Case Study - An Economy in Focus - Explore how one country’s economy operates, and the economic challenges it faces.**

Choose any country (e.g. UK, USA, India, Japan, Brazil) and research basic information about its economy.

Write a 1-page summary answering the following:

* What are the country’s main industries or exports?
* What is its current economic situation? (e.g. inflation rate, growth rate, unemployment)
* What major economic challenge is it facing right now?
* How has the government or central bank responded?

Use sources such as the IMF, World Bank, Trading Economics, or BBC.

**Task 3: Economic Issue Reflection - Show that you can think critically about a real-world economic issue and explain why it matters.**

* The UK cost-of-living crisis
* Youth unemployment
* Climate change and the economy
* Government debt and borrowing
* The effects of Brexit on UK trade

Structure your reflection in 3 short paragraphs:

* What’s the issue? (Include key facts/stats + source)
* Why is it important? (Who is affected and how?)
* How does it link to economics? (Include key terms or concepts)

**Your to do list:**

1. X4 news diaries over the course of the Summer
2. 1 page case study about one country of interest to you
3. 1 page reflection on the importance of a current economic issue