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| Getting Ready For <i>Economics A Level</i> | | |
| Your Name | | |
| A Level Economics | Introduction to Economics | AQA |

We are delighted you have chosen to study Economics A Level at Worthing College.

Instructions: This pack will help you make the best possible start to studying this subject.

The tasks in this pack:

- should take you **about 4-6 hours to complete.**
- should be handed into your teacher in your first lesson, in the week beginning 9th September 2024, with your name on it for assessment.
- are also available on the internet – follow the links in the document.

If you need help: The tasks are designed to get a bit more difficult as you work through them as they are preparing you for studying at a higher level and to become an effective independent learner. You should try to get as far as you can working on your own but if you do need help, please email us at gettingreadyfor@worthing.ac.uk, telling us which Getting Ready For pack you are working on and what help you need. Help is available throughout the summer holidays.

| Skills Focus for this Getting Ready for Pack | |
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| Research skills Presentation of data in graphical form | Essay writing Analysis of data Calculations and numerical skills |

Work Experience week

All year 1 students are required to participate in a week-long work placement during their first year of study. You will be expected to locate one week's worth of work placement and submit your work experience form before October half term.

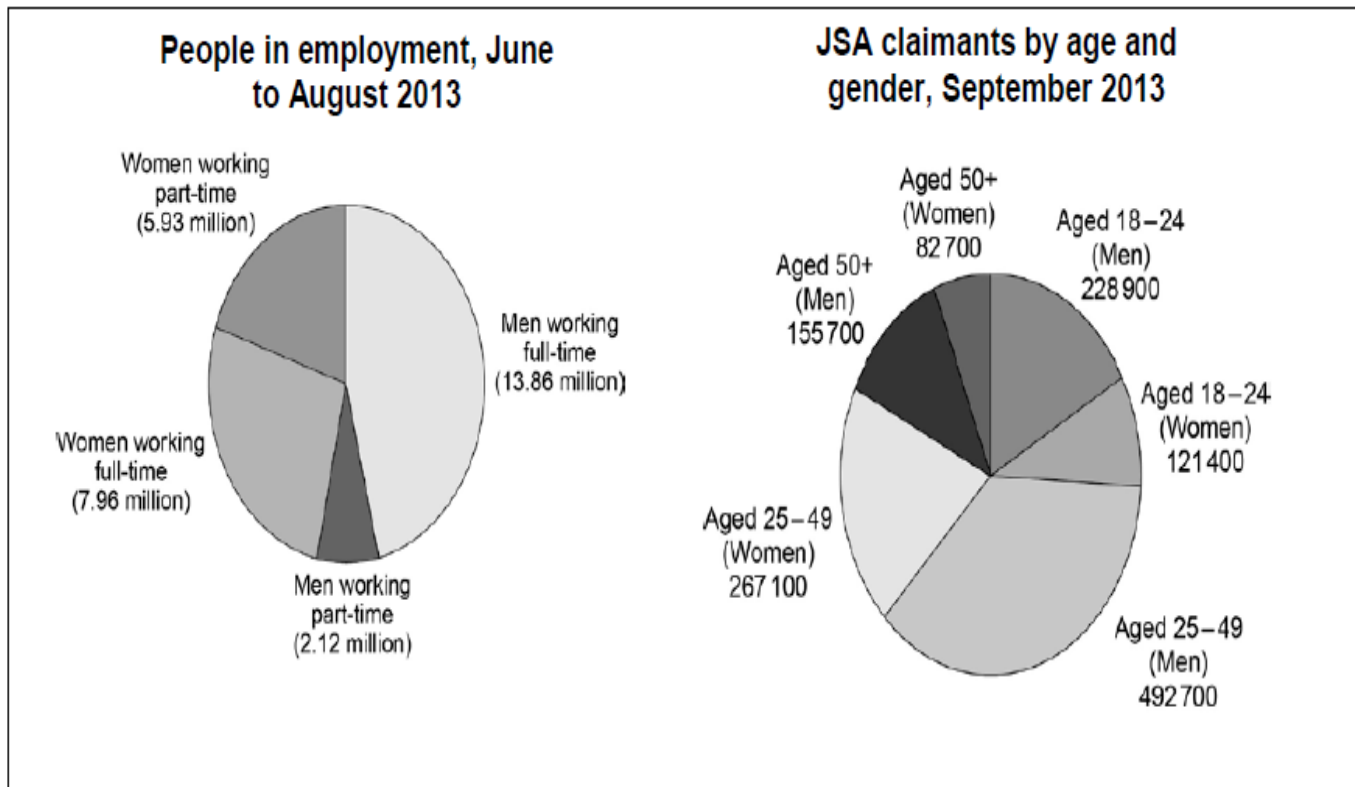
Placement Dates:

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| L2/L3 students on double /triple qualifications: | 1 week course-specific placement, expected placement dates will be confirmed by the course leaders at the beginning of September. |
| Students with 2 or more single subjects: | 1 week placement during the Easter holidays or w/c 23 June 2025 |

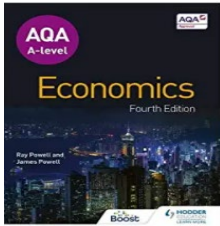
You can find the work experience form [HERE](#)
 More information and guidance can be found [HERE](#)

| Target Grade | Type of task | Task and subject specific skill reference | Deadline |
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| All | Exams skills | <p>TASK 0.1 Complete both sets of real exam questions below (0.1 Q1 and 0.1 Q2). You need to use <i>Extract D 'People in employment and people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance'</i> on the top of next page when answering the two questions below.</p> <p>0.1 Q1 Using extract D (at the top of next page), calculate to two decimal places the percentage of people in employment who work part time. Show formula and workings clearly. (4 marks)</p> <p>0.1 Q2 Using extract D (at the top of next page), identify two significant points of comparison between male and female Jobseeker's allowance (JSA) claimants in September 2013. (4 marks)</p> <p><u>Instructions and help 0.1 Q2</u> One important skill in handling economic data is to be able identify main features, or compare/contrast features, of two or more separate pieces of data. There is a great deal of difference between being able to read a graph/chart and being able to pick out its main features in a clear and concise manner compared talking about all features of the data. For each of the two points of comparison between the sets of data you must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify a SIGNIFICANT point of comparison of the data in front of you. The question asks for two such significant and important points that 'stand out' amongst the information in front of you, each point will be in a separate paragraph. 2. For each significant point raised you need to USE the data, so quote 'dates/time periods' or here age/gender category, data and units of measurement correctly. This should be done for both sets of data compared and in both paragraphs. | <p>Week beginning 9th September 2024</p> |

Extract D: People in employment and people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance



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| All | Research and essay task | <p>TASK 0.2 Write 750 words on EITHER</p> <p>‘As you know, the UK has left the European Union (EU). Do you believe that the immediate and/or longer term benefits of leaving the EU will outweigh the drawbacks? Consider mainly economic factors and justify your view’</p> <p>OR</p> <p>‘Oil is running out; do you believe the economic effects of this will be severe for the UK? Justify your view’</p> <p>In addition to submitting your essay, also ensure that you bring your research, which you used when writing the essay, to the first lesson – you WILL use this research during the lesson.</p> <p><u>When writing the essay, include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An introduction where you set the scene Main body of the essay written in paragraphs with one point per paragraph, developing each point using the skill of analysis – developing an argument (use connectives such as this means, because of this, therefore etc. to help you). | <p>Week beginning 9th September 2024</p> |
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| | | <p>c. Back the arguments up with data and information you have researched</p> <p>d. A conclusion where you answer the question and attempt to weigh up and justify your reasoning (evaluation)</p> <p>e. Ensure you look at both side of arguments.</p> <p>You will need to be prepared to take part in a debate when we start lessons hence, please go over your research notes and your essay before the first lesson, so your arguments are fresh in your mind.</p> | |
| All | Material to purchase | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large folder (A4 ring binder) • Pack of dividers • A4 writing paper • Normal pens and pencils, eraser, ruler, calculator (non-scientific is fine) • Coloured pens (useful when drawing diagrams) • Set of highlighters • Textbook (see below) <p>AQA A Level Economics fourth edition by Ray Powell and James Powell, Hodder Education, ISBN 978-1-5104-5195-7. The book can be purchased from Hodder or Amazon for example. It costs approximately £40 but lasts for the two years.</p>  | <p>Week beginning 9th September 2024</p> |
| Extension | Research and presentation of data task | <p>0.3 Select five economies/countries (one of them being the UK).</p> <p>A good source for this kind of data is: https://tradingeconomics.com/</p> <p>Task 0.3 A. Define each of the four macro-economic indicators below/explain what they mean:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economics growth/Gross domestic product – (GDP%) 2. Unemployment as a % of total workforce 3. Rate of inflation % 4. Base rate of interest % <p>Task 0.3 B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find the latest statistical data for each of the four macro-economic indicators listed in task 0.3A for each of your five selected economies/countries. • You now need to create a five-bar bar chart for each macro-economic indicator which includes the data for your five countries (so for example bar chart one showing a bar chart for GDP growth % showing the data for your five economies etc.) • Finish by concluding which of your economies you believe has the most favourable economic climate and explain your reasoning? | <p>Week beginning 9th September 2024</p> |