**A Summer of Economics**

You may find the following resources useful in continuing to learn about Economics over the summer. Getting credit for application particularly in macro answers is much easier if you keep up to date with contemporary events. By doing this you will be able to provide insightful comment in relation to macro indicators, economic policy and talk confidently about concepts such as QE. As you watch the programmes, listen to podcasts or read interesting articles about the Economy why not keep a log so that you can refer back to as you progress through your second year of study. You could either do this electronically or could get yourself a notebook which you make your Economics news notebook.

There are lots of things you can watch below are some examples of TV programmes that have gone out in recent years but of course there are other documentaries that you may also have come across.

**On BBC**

Inside the Bank of England

What Britain buys and sells in a day

Inside the Factory provides a good insight into scale in manufacturing industry recent returns to earlier factories featured in Inside the Factory Keeping Britain going provide an interesting insight into how firms have responded to increased recent supply chain pressures

Panorama Amazon what they know about us (understand how the business has grown to be able to benefit from the Economies of Scale it has)

Inside the Supermarket series on Sainsbury’s including reference to Sainsburys Asda merger that did not go ahead

**On Channel 4**

How to Build provides insight into the car industry

**Channel 5**

Has put out a number of documentaries on businesses some of which might be useful when looking at market concentration, growth as an objective

Aldi Secrets of the Billion $ discounter

Aldi vs Lidl

Marks and Spencers vs Waitrose

Inside Sainsburys

**There are podcasts and webinars that you can listen to and watch**

Those from the BBC include the World of Business, Wake up to Money, the Bottom Line hosted by Evan Davis

LSE public events podcasts and video clips of speakers that have delivered lectures on a range of topics.

**Want some extension activities?**

The Open University has a number of free courses available on their Freelearn site which you might like to take a look at to extend your knowledge of Economics and also in preparation for university and future employment opportunities

The FT runs a business book of the year competition. You might like to have a look on their short list to see if any of the books appeal to you to read. The Economist and other Broadsheet newspapers also regularly review books and put out lists of books. Tutor2u has a couple of reading lists there is one there with 40 Economics books on it some are more relevant now than others but again is a useful starting point.

For those of you who want some historical context to the development of the UK macroeconomy then David Smith’s book Something will Turn up is well worth a read. He writes a weekly column in the Sunday Times which focuses on macroeconomics and is a good way to keep up to date with contemporary events.

2020 LSE essay competition and Marshall Society economics society essay competition are open to students with closing dates in the summer break. For more details on these competitions see the tutor2u economics blog.

You could spend some time reading Economic Review magazine articles using the link available on the ILC site.