

## **ECONOMICS PRE COURSE MATERIAL**

Before joining the course in September and to make an informed choice, students should look at the following resources:

1. Develop the habit of reading a broadsheet newspaper such as *The Times* or *The Sunday Times* and read the economic stories on which your examination will be based.
2. Read a specialist magazine such as *The Economist*.

Find out what the following mean using the internet and bring any newspaper articles to class which relate to these topics for discussion:

- Interest Rates
- Investment
- Government Deficits
- Exporting And Importing
- Economic Growth Using Gdp
- Exchange Rates

Students should cultivate a clear Global view of economics during the course. It will be useful to read articles from media sources relating to what is happening to the economies of:

- China
- India
- USA
- Brazil
- The Euro Area
- Japan

We find that if you starting reading media articles from an early stage your written answers include lots of relevant examples.

If you are aspiring to gain an A grade in this subject it is essential that you gain the application over a two year period. Knowledge of this type cannot be gained purely in the last weeks of the course.

We would encourage you to keep a scrapbook of relevant articles and show evidence of this when we meet in September.