

The news is full of the ‘**cost of living**’ crisis. On the A Level Economics course, it is important to follow world events and to try and apply your classroom learning to current affairs. To get you off on the right foot we are going to ask you to write and research a short piece looking at

- 1) What do we mean by the cost of living crisis?
- 2) What are the causes of the cost of living crisis?
- 3) What are the likely consequences of the cost of living crisis?
- 4) What policies is the UK government pursuing to reduce the impact of the cost of living crisis?

Your whole answer should be no longer than 2 pages of A4 paper. It should be written in full sentences and structured in paragraphs.

You are free to use any sources you can find on the internet but the following links might be helpful to you.

Inflation and living standards [UK Economy Stats for 2022 Exams: \(2\) Inflation and Living Standards - YouTube](#)

The energy market [2022 Exams - Key Overview of the Energy Market - YouTube](#)

Recent relevant BBC articles [Cost of living - BBC News](#)

A range of relevant articles from the Guardian newspaper related to the cost of living [Cost of living crisis | Business | The Guardian](#)

Please do not try and view everything and certainly do not worry if you do not understand everything. In two years’ time you will be an expert! The important thing is to have a go and to start thinking like an economist.

We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Regards

The Economics Team.