



ADDITIONAL READING AND ACTIVITIES LIST

BUSINESS AND IT

A Level Business Studies



[Internal website](#) with all the class and other resources

Course Books

A-level Business Studies by CGP Books


Edexcel AS/A level Business 5th edition Student Book and Active by Pearson

Some Great Reads:

 Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

 Grinding It Out: The Making of McDonalds


 The Business Book: Big ideas Simply explained.

 Business Adventures by John Brooks – 12 classic tales from the world of Wall Street

 Factfulness by Hans Rosling – 10 reasons we are wrong about the world and why things are better than you think

 Way of the Wolf by Jordan Belfort – The REAL Wolf of Wall Street lays out how to become a success in Business

Radio and Podcasts

 Business as usual

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6ge7hG78ys_wERt4SbZQWg OR

<https://open.spotify.com/show/od2qWHVXpm1Lo4ZhSYZsHe>

 Freakonomics - <https://freakonomics.com/archive/>

 Entrepreneurs On Fire -

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/entrepreneurs-on-fire/id564001633?mt=2>

 A Level Business - <https://open.spotify.com/show/6HHommBaBuHoY3JsGVeotF>

News Articles

 BBC Business - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business>

 Forbes - <https://www.forbes.com/#541158992254>

 Bloomberg - <https://www.bloomberg.com/europe>


Websites

 Tutor2u Business - <https://www.tutor2u.net/business>

 Business Insider - <https://www.businessinsider.com/?IR=C>

 Financial Time - <https://www.ft.com/>

 Entrepreneur - <https://www.entrepreneur.com/>

 Issues Online, the college library's e-book collection on business and finance - <https://www.issuesonline.co.uk/e-books-library/economics-and-welfare> Each book contains a series of quick-to-read articles and will get you up to speed in no time!


Youtube Channels/Videos


 Tutor2u - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe83jLdZ3PuqVwAHe6B3U2A>

 Takingthebiz - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIJ4pk3uzyWoeoBkGsohxQ>


TV Shows


 Inside the factory - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07mddqk>


 Dragons' Den - Entrepreneurs pitch business ideas in the hope one of the dragons makes an investment (BBC)

 The Apprentice - Alan Sugar seeks out to find the next best entrepreneur to invest £250,000 into their business idea (BBC)

Films


 The Big Short - In the mid-2000s, a few finance experts observe the instability in the US housing market and predict its collapse. Through their research, they discover the flaws and corruption in the system.


 The Founder - The story of Ray Kroc, a salesman who turned two brothers' innovative fast food eatery, McDonald's, into the biggest restaurant business in the world


 The Social Network - A film portraying the founding of [social networking](#) website [Facebook](#) and the resulting lawsuits


Netflix


 Broken – A 4 episode documentary about key trends and the impact on society and business


 Minimalism – A documentary on living a happy life/running a business with very few material things.

 Dirty Money - stories of corporate corruption, securities fraud and creative accounting for example the VW Emission Scandal

 Inside Bill's Brain - A documentary about Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft


 Rotten - Travel deep into the heart of the food supply chain to reveal unsavoury truths and expose hidden forces that shape what we eat.

 FYRE - A documentary on the hype surrounding the infamous FYRE Festival and its downfall. How not to run a business!

 There are many great Business series/documentaries if you search 'Business' in your Netflix search.

Ted Talks

 Ted talks are a great way to gain an insight into some real world/business problems. Check out the link below. <https://www.ted.com/talks?topics%5B%5D=business>

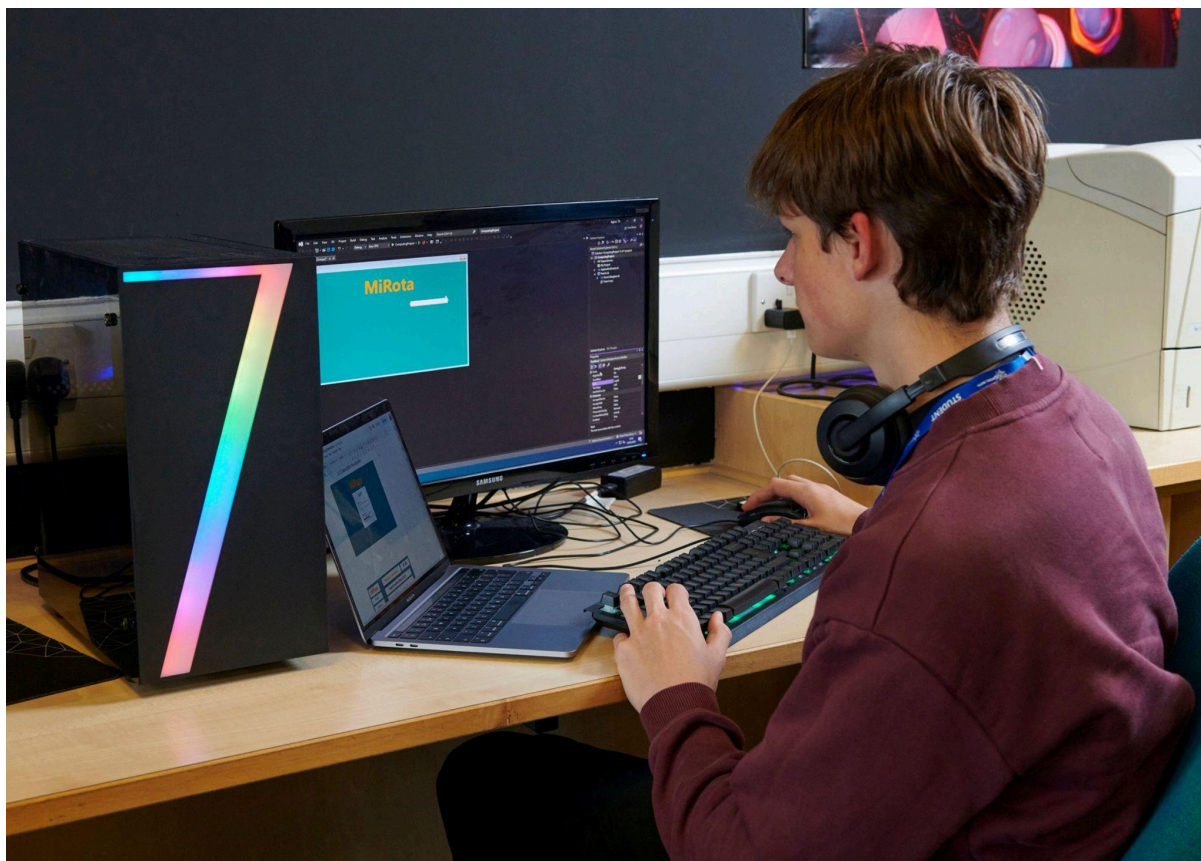
 One of my favourite speakers on Ted talks.
https://www.ted.com/speakers/simon_sinek



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BTEC IT



Revision Guides

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revise-National-Information-Technology-Revision/dp/1292299096/ref=sr_1_4?keywords=pearson+btec+information+technology&qid=1585221238&sr=8-4

Websites

 Unit 20 - enterprise in IT

- <https://www.simplybusiness.co.uk/knowledge/articles/2019/11/what-is-a-marketing-plan/>
- <https://venngage.com/blog/marketing-plan/>

Unit 17 - 2D and 3D graphics

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwL5dQbmwUg>
- <https://www.cosmopolitan.com/entertainment/movies/a29773501/sonic-the-hedgehog-new-design-before-after-pictures/>

TV shows

Unit 20 Enterprise in IT - Dragons' Den

Software Tutorials

- Unit 2 - Creating systems to manage information
https://www.tutorialspoint.com/ms_access/index.htm
- Unit 5 - Data Modelling
<https://www.tutorialspoint.com/excel/index.htm>



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A Level Computer Science



Books

- OCR A Level Computer Science. by George Rouse, Jason Pitt, Sean O'Byrn
- OCR AS and A Level Computer Science. by P. M. Heathcote, R. S. U. Heathcote
- My Revision Notes OCR A level Computer Science. by Hodder Education
- Computing Projects in Visual Basic .Net. by Mr Derek Christopher
- Computational Fairy Tales. by Jeremy Kubica
- Brown Dogs and Barbers: What's Computer Science All About? by Karl Beecher
- But How Do It Know? - The Basic Principles of Computers for Everyone – J Clark Scott

GitHub (free programming ebooks)

<https://github.com/EbookFoundation/free-programming-books/blob/master/free-programming-books.md#javascript>

Magazines and Journals

- Computer - <https://www.computer.org/computer-magazine/>
 - CS4FN - <http://www.cs4fn.org/lastonein/lastonein.php>
 - magPi - <https://www.raspberrypi.org/magpi/>
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Radio and Podcasts

- BBC Tech Tent
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01plr2p/episodes/downloads>
 - BBC – Computing Britain
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06bq6j1/episodes/downloads>
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News Articles

- BBC Click - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/n13xtmd5>
 - MIT News - <http://news.mit.edu/topic/computers>
 - Phys.org - <https://phys.org/technology-news/computer-sciences/>
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Websites

Blackpool Sixth A Level Computer Science Website

- <https://sites.google.com/blackpoolsixth.ac.uk/computerscience/home>

Websites to read through and work through programming exercises

- <https://www.tutorialspoint.com/vb.net/index.htm>
- <http://www.homeandlearn.co.uk/NET/vbNet.html>
- <https://www.memrise.com/courses/english/computers-engineering/>
- <https://www.memrise.com/course/1211053/ocr-a-level-computer-science/1/>

Code Academy - Courses available to help you improve your programming skills through practice - <https://www.codecademy.com/>

Reddit - Programming challenges published on a daily basis. You can choose between easy, intermediate and hard. If you create the programming solution to them then you could add this to the comments section. - <https://www.reddit.com/r/dailyprogrammer>

Videos

- Craigndave A Level OCR topic videos
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoHzEBLUxlwBAHJ5S9JQg/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf_id=17
- Computerphile
<https://www.youtube.com/user/Computerphile/videos?view=0&sort=dd&flow=grid>
- Introduction to Computer Science I", Harvard OpenCourseWare -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-OxzIC6pic&list=PLvJoKWRPlu8G6Si7LLvmBPA5rOJ9BA29R>
- Ted Talks - 20 Must See TED Talks for Computer Scientists -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EF692dBzWAs&list=PLF7032F8EB1A4F9E2>
- <https://clickv.ie/w/eTGh> - Cyber Attack: The Day the NHS Stopped
- <https://clickv.ie/w/gTGh> - The Secret Rules of Modern Living: Algorithms
- <https://clickv.ie/w/hTGh> - Absolute Genius: Alan Turing
- <https://clickv.ie/w/gTGh> - Coding: The Future is Creative
- <https://clickv.ie/w/MTGh> - Film: The Imitation Game
- <https://clickv.ie/w/o5Oh> - Bletchley Park: Code-breaking's Forgotten Genius
- <https://clickv.ie/w/Xp8k> - The Joy of Data
- <https://clickv.ie/w/-p8k> - The Joy of AI
- <https://clickv.ie/w/aq8k> - How do Operating Systems Work

Open Online Courses

Introduction to Computer Science

<https://www.edx.org/course/introduction-computer-science-harvardx-cs50x>

Intro to Computer Science & Programming Using Python

<https://www.edx.org/course/introduction-computer-science-mitx-6-00-1x-10>



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A Level Economics



Blackpool Sixth A-level Economics website -

<https://sites.google.com/blackpoolsixth.ac.uk/economics/home>

Podcasts

- <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510289/planet-money/>
- <https://freakonomics.com/archive/>
- <https://www.senecalearning.com/blog/economics-a-level-podcasts-by-seneca/>

Websites

- <https://www.tutor2u.net/economics>
- <https://www.economicshelp.org/>
- <https://www.ted.com/talks?sort=newest&topics%5B%5D=economics> – highly recommend

Starter Reads

- Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner
- Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky
- The Undercover Economist by Tim Harford
- Animal Spirits by Akerlof and Shiller
- The Armchair Economist by Steven E. Landsburg
- 23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism (Ha-Joon Chang) – challenges conventional thinking