

AS Level Economics Bridging Work

An opportunity over the summer period to start thinking about some of the areas we will cover next year. Answer all the questions.

What is the UK's inflation rate and why is the cost of living going up?

The objectives of most countries are to achieve economic growth, low inflation, low unemployment, a healthy trade balance and fair distribution of income. In recent years years, the emphasis has been on achieving economic growth. This would then lead to the UK becoming a wealthier nation, enjoying an improved standard of living. If only life was so easy! Now the emphasis has switched to addressing the current issue of high inflation and how the increasing 'Cost of living' is impacting on us all.

So, time you found out 'Brexit' (2016), 'Covid-19' (2020), the Russian 'Invasion of Ukraine' (2022) and the recent increase in our 'Cost of Living' and how they affect us and the UK economy.

1. What's a 'recession'?
2. What is 'inflation'?
3. What exactly does the Bank of England (*the central bank for the whole of the UK*) do?
4. How might the Bank of England reduce the high level of inflation?
5. What is the EU? (And who are members of the UK?)
6. Why did the UK leave the EU?
7. Was that a good or a bad idea (from an economist's perspective)?
8. How might Covid-19 affect the level of unemployment in the UK?
9. What is GDP?
10. How much did the UK GDP fall by in 2020, due to Covid-19?
11. How much did Covid-19 effectively cost the UK?
12. Now Russia has invaded Ukraine and is blockading the town of Odesa, which countries are having problems importing wheat, maize and sunflower oil?

Bring your completed work to your first lesson in September email it to sbliss@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk