

## Year 11 transition to year 12 summer 2025 tasks - Economics

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You are about to embark on a two-year journey in economics where you will learn why households, firms and governments act the way they do. You have five tasks to complete over the summer which will give you an idea about what it is we study in economics. These are to help you think about the economic problems we face and how society might overcome them.

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### Task 1: London's water crisis

To do: Research London's water market.

Pick three news articles from three different news sources:

1. The Guardian

Name and date of the article.

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Three main points I gathered from the article

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2. BBC News

Name and date of the article.

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Three main points I gathered from the article

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One more news article (of your choice)

1. Name and date of the article.

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Three main points I gathered from the article

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- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Write down your answers to these questions about London's water.

1. How much do households pay for water? Why?

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2. Why are some households "metered" and some are not?

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3. Do households overuse or underuse water? Justify your answer.

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4. Why does only one firm provide water to the whole of the city?

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5. What issues are facing Londoners when it comes to water over the next 5 years.

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## **Task 2: Public Goods – Clissold Park and London's other parks**

To do: Research London's public parks

Pick three news articles from three different news sources:

1. The Guardian (public park toilets)

Name and date of the article.

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Three main points I gathered from the article

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2. BBC News (litter)

Name and date of the article

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Three main points I gathered from the article

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3. Your choice of news source (music festivals in public parks)

Name and date of the article.

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Three main points I gathered from the article

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Now answer these questions about London's parks.

1. Why is access to London's parks free?

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2. Who pays for the maintenance of the parks?

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3. What is the quality of the parks for London's residents?

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4. Would having a fee for the parks make them better or worse?

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5. How might a fee system be implemented.

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### **Task 3: Research British government subsidies**

To do: Research government subsidies

Pick three news articles from three different news sources:

1. The Guardian (solar panel subsidies)

Name and date of the article.

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Three main points I gathered from the article

2. BBC News (electric vehicles)

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Name and date of the article.

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Three main points I gathered from the article

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3. One more from a news source of your choice (food)

Name and date of the article.

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Three main points I gathered from the article

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Write down five facts or figures about UK subsidies.

1. Why are they paid by governments to firms?

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2. Who benefits from the payments?

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3. What are the costs of the three subsidies mentioned and who pays them?

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4. To what extent are health services subsidised by the UK government?

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5. Why does the UK government not just subsidise everything?

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#### **Task 4: Wealth inequality**

To do: Research Inequality in the UK

You are required to make a presentation on **one** of the following topics.

1. Why are some countries rich and others are poor?

2. Why does the USA, the richest country in the world, have a homelessness crisis?
3. Why do taxes from minimum wage workers go to fund the British Royal Family?

Your slideshow should be at least 5 slides long. Your presentation should ask and answer the relevant important questions. Your presentation should decide if things should change and how that might happen. Ensure your presentation is eye-catching and includes attention to detail.

### Task 5: Public Spending

To do: Research public spending in the UK

Below are some facts and figures about the British government's spending.

According to the official 2025 Spending Review:

- **Health:** +£29 billion/year for the NHS
- **Defence:** Rising to 2.6% of GDP by 2027, including nuclear submarines and cyber warfare
- **Science & Tech:** £86 billion over 4 years
- **Housing:** £39 billion for affordable housing
- **Justice:** £7 billion for prisons and probation

### Over 14 Million People Live in Poverty

- **21% of the UK population**—around **14.3 million people**—are living in poverty.
- This includes:
  - **8.1 million working-age adults**
  - **4.3 million children**
  - **1.9 million pensioners**

### Over 350,000 People Are Homeless in England

- Shelter estimates that **354,000 people** in England are experiencing homelessness in 2024–25.
- This includes:
  - **161,500 children**
  - **16,600 single adults** in hostels or other accommodation

### Child poverty in the UK is expected to rise between now and 2030

You have been appointed economic advisor to the government and they have asked you write two detailed recommendations (500 words minimum) on what should happen to government spending in the UK. Your two arguments should follow this format:

The first thing the government should do is:

This is because..... this leads to... this leads to

But this all depends on.....

The second thing the government should do is:

This is because..... this leads to... this leads to

But this all depends on.....

Each argument should be one-page A4 long. Do not write an introduction or a conclusion. Ensure that your argument is convincing. Do not use phrases such as, “I think”, “I believe” or “in my opinion”. Instead, make your argument as strong as possible by using research and backing up your points with facts and figures.

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