

30 websites I can't live without

TBE has featured contributions from teachers regarding useful websites to help aid the teaching and learning of Business, Economics and Enterprise subjects. Many of the websites in Roberta's list will be familiar to many teachers, but we have decided to publish this list because there are always some gems hidden in these often familiar lists which may prove to be a massive help to some of our readers.

1. **www.economist.com** Every Economist's bible. Enough said.
2. **www.tutor2u.net** A must have in any Business/Economics teachers' 'favourites' list. Coupled with some excellent free and paid for resources.
3. **www.youtube.com/user/pajholden** Otherwise known as 'The God' of Economics. This resource is a brilliant one to keep up your sleeve. Phil Holden presents something on almost every topic in Economics.
4. **www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk/live** A useful resource especially for teaching GCSE Year 10 and Year 11 Business. Some fun quizzes, great for starters, plenaries and end of term lessons.
5. **www.whystudyeconomics.ac.uk** A great pre-university resource for students thinking about following Economics at university and as a career. A good resource to have, encouraging students to study Economics at university and helping them to understand the relevance of mathematical and economic concepts.

6. **www.metalproject.co.uk** Another pre-university resource focusing on Mathematics for Economics: enhancing teaching and learning (see Peter Imeson's article in this edition of TBE – Ed). Improve student engagement with Mathematics for Economics with an interactive set of online resources, online question bank, over 50 video clips, 10 lecturer-focused teaching and learning guides and real world Economics case studies.

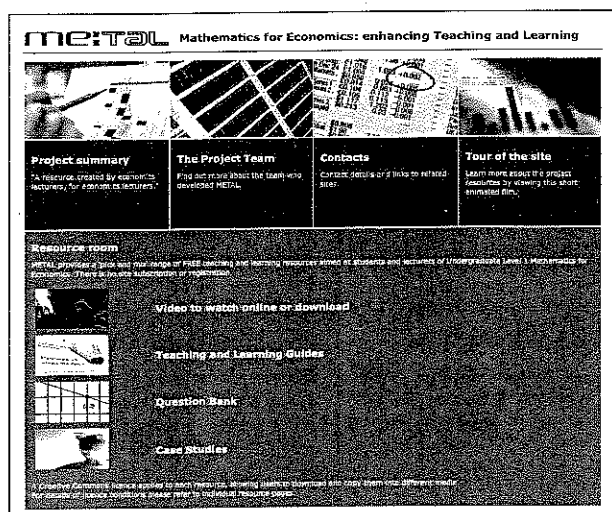
7. **www.exeter.ac.uk/projects/feele** FEELE is the Finance and Economics Experimental Laboratory at Exeter. It aims to encourage the use of experiments in economics and increase motivation and retention of students. Each student participates in 25-30 experiments during the Exeter Economics programme, which developed new classroom experiments for undergraduate modules some of which could be used with A-Level students.

8. **<http://www.economicsnetwork.ac.uk/projects>** There are lots of great activities which can be used with students at A-Level (see TBE May 2011 for examples of these – Ed) and some excellent pre-university resources for students thinking about a career in Economics. Examples include Teaching Resources in Undergraduate Economics (TRUE), Specialist Areas Development Economics – University of Southampton, Environmental Economics – University of Portsmouth, Experimental Economics – University of Exeter, Labour Economics – University of Dundee, International Economics – UWE, Monetary Economics – Cardiff University, Regional and Local Economics – University of Portsmouth.

9. **<http://www.staffs.ac.uk/schools/business/leprelet/>** Materials produced in support of the Embedding Threshold Concepts in Economics programme. These materials can be used in small and large group teaching sessions at a variety of levels in schools and colleges.

10. **www.fhes.org.uk** A fantastic website for ICT-keen Business Teachers. Here you will find lesson plans, revision resources and subject related news. Follow the department on Twitter @fhestud for the latest business news and course information.

11. **www.twitter.com** The new and exciting thing that is happening on line with Economics and Business teachers. Simply create a profile, name and start 'tweeting'. Search for @business or @busecon, or search for like-minded teachers, add and follow. A great way of sharing ideas and discussing resources, exams and CPD events.

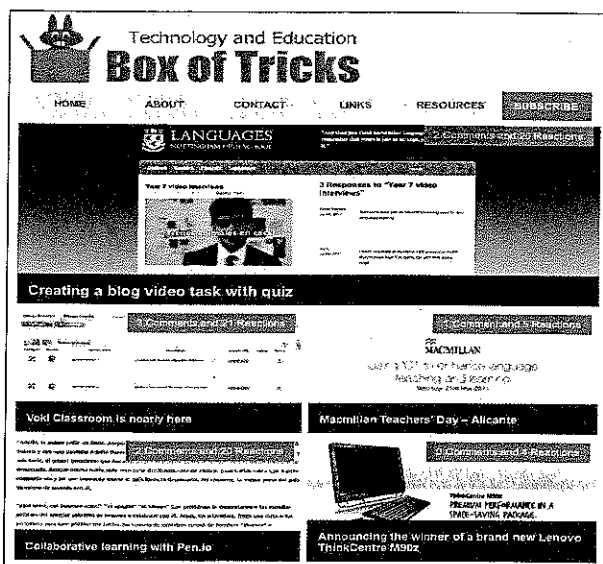




12. www.google.com The usual search engine but for something different, try Google Docs, Google Earth and Google Maps to enhance your presentations or to use during ICT-focused Business/Economics lessons.

13. www.feedly.com Tune into your favourite sources and discover new ones. This resource connects seamlessly with your Twitter page.

14. www.facebook.com Have a search for 'Bromsgrove Business and Economics' as well as a host of other school Facebook pages. A sneaky way to get pupils to read additional news material and finance news, without setting formal reading.



www.boxoftricks.net

15. www.boxoftricks.net An award winning website created by Head of Modern Foreign Languages at Nottingham High School. A website suitable for those wanting to enhance their use of ICT and interactive white boards (IWBs) in teaching and learning.

16. www.timetric.com A vast bank of economic data and research at your fingertips. For free!

17. www.tradingeconomics.com A great resource for economic data from the World Bank and IMF. Also very useful for the latest GDP figures. Useful for data response lessons and an excellent find for any teacher involved with the Paper 2 IB Economics.

18. www.storybird.com A slightly different way of telling a story, by starting with an image and then going forth to unlock the story inside the image. An inspired website that is excellent for your more visual learners.

19. www.glogster.com This website uses a Glog, which is a kind of poster which we, as teachers, design

ourselves. Glogster has many useful features, such as being able to create your own Glogs, contact friends, promote your Glogs on the net or even browse other Glogs.

20. www.zondle.com A wealth of quizzes and games on this site, great for allowing pupils to come up with their own quizzes and answers. Requires some knowledge of Excel but very straightforward to navigate your way around.

21. www.bized.co.uk A great Business Studies tool, with resources quizzes, revision guides. A great resource for GCSE, AS and A2.

22. www.slideshare.net A good way of sharing and creating new PowerPoint presentations on most topics to do with education, teaching and learning.

23. www.prezi.com A fancy way of creating presentations that are both impressive and enhance learning; I find it best for revision purposes.

24. www.bbc.co.uk A vast bank of news articles, up to date blogs (Flanders and Peston) as well as the ever-helpful iPlayer.

25. www.itn.co.uk Another helpful news web site with a vast bank of up to date news, current affairs, finance and Economics articles.

26. www.theworldbank.org A great resource for looking at information regarding world banks, banking sector and some more generic material on world history and financial history.

27. www.wordle.net A fun and creative way of looking at key words in any given topic. Not only can this be used for a starter or plenary of any lesson, it also looks very pretty as a wall display in your classroom or department.

28. www.tagxedo.com A new alternative to wordle. This website has the ability to change words, such as news articles, schemes of work, prose and economic theories into a word cloud. This is a slightly more 'snazzy' version of word play than wordle in my opinion and set to wow your amazed students.

29. www.quia.com If you are looking for new inspiration with your Business and Economics lessons, have a look at Quia. You are able to browse through a wealth of activities and quizzes, created by teachers around the world. This website is especially useful for those teaching IB, B&M or Economics.

30. www.moodle.org This has quickly become an important name in virtual learning environments. The downloadable resource incorporates forums, blogs, wikis and databases to build a community where students can collaborate any time.

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