**Macroeconomics Bridging Work**

During the course, a key part of Macroeconomics is to have a thorough understanding of economic performance of the UK economy. To do this you will need to research a number of important indicators over the last 15 years. Also, this year to date has been unprecedented in terms of the indicators. 2020 is therefore broken down on a monthly basis.

Your task is to research these main indicators in preparation for the start of your course in September.

The data you will need to study is:

Interest rates – last 15 years

Unemployment rates – last 15 years

Inflation – last 15 years

Balance of payments – last 15 years

GDP from 1990 – present day

Comment upon the trends, and what it means for:

Individual households

Businesses

Following the election of June 2017 and December 2019, what is the Conservative government doing to address any of the issues above (e.g. tax rates, austerity measures etc.)?

Suggested websites:

BBC news economy tracker

Bank of England website

Office for national statistics

[www.Tutor2you](http://www.Tutor2you)

UK government website