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Teacher

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Student

“Having a subscription to the Financial Times has enabled my daughter to fully engage with her A-level Economics course. She really enjoys applying the theories she learns in the classroom to current affairs in the real world, as this helps her to consolidate her learning. We have also noticed that reading the articles from the financial times has boosted her confidence in class, as she now feels she can relate to the subject better.”

Parent
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Teachers

We are delighted with the student access this year.

City of London School

This is truly great news. Our students were very excited about the possibility to follow FT-news. As a bilingual school (Finnish-English) and emphasizing economic, societal and technological studies we highly appreciate the possibility you are offering.

Helsinki Finland

This is really great. We're just a pretty new school teaching International Baccalaureate, so your website will be a great resource - especially in my subject areas of Business and Economics. I've been a bit stuck for good sources of relevant news media and analysis - I came to you via an article from April about Spain's economic fortunes and was super impressed.

Milan, Italy

From my perspective, it is a great resource; the feedback from my students has been hugely positive, and they're getting more value out of the FT.com than my school's paid-for subscription to The Economist online.

Abingdon School, UK

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Access to high-quality journalism without cost is essential to our students, if they are to excel in their A Levels and prepare themselves for university. This is the generation which is accessing its news on social media, so training them to think critically about the news media and showing them how to access high-quality journalism is vital for the future health of our democracy.

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Free access has been a huge help in teaching Economics. Before it was very difficult to get students to read the news or keep up with current affairs. But from the FT access, I have been able to share articles with students more frequently and it has been a very useful resource to use in class.

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Stretching students regularly with content from the FT has really helped my students to engage with events in the external environment. Articles have prompted discussion and supported written work - and we can always rely on finding something more unusual - an opinion, a story or some well-presented and understandable data.

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I have read the FT since I was an A-Level student, and have always appreciated that extra dimension to reporting that the FT has. In recent years though, I really value (and promote this to my students as often as I can) the genuine impartiality and clear thinking that is promoted by the FT, something that is clearly lacking in today's MSM. I might not agree politically, but unlike almost every other source, the FT is a genuinely high quality read. It's also nice I can set the FT as reading and know that the boys won't get sidetracked by sport!

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Being able to offer access to such a tremendous, respectable news source which offers a huge bank of topics and articles for extensive wider
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reading is absolutely fantastic. FT has provided our students with more options to expand their wider reading and develop their flipped learning.

“As we approach the end of our first full year of free online access to the Financial Times, it is clear that both students and teachers at the British School in Tokyo value the opportunity and are taking full advantage of it. While the benefits to our A Level Economists may be obvious, the FT's appeal is wide-ranging and it is used extensively in subjects across the curriculum. More importantly, this initiative has encouraged naturally inquisitive, internationally minded young readers to engage intelligently with the major issues of our time. The bite-size multi-media reports are popular but so is the regular Big Read feature, and it is not unusual to hear a well-informed student challenging someone offering a simplistic subjective response to a complex news story. Good schools have always recognised the value of developing their students' capacity for analytical thought and discernment; if more of the highly-regarded news organisations around the world offered young people an open door through their pay-walls, we would have far fewer fears about the insidious effects of fake news. Thank you FT!”

Principal, British School in Tokyo

Students

Reading the Financial Times has exposed me to the real world events where the theories I'm learning in A Level Economics are brought to life. I am able to learn more about the markets and economy, the effects of one thing on another and I'm exposed to a variety of perspectives and ideas. This can be brought into my essays I do in class, consequently allowing me to make further links to the current markets and economy and increases my grade.

Dr Challoners High School girls grammar school

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I find it valuable to read the FT because in the 21st century, reading unbiased, substantiated news has unfortunately become a privilege instead of a right - and I feel privileged to be able to read the FT, a source of genuine, factual, good quality news.
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Headington School

The Financial Times allows for a truly worldwide view, as a member of generation worldwide I find this invaluable and knowledge of other countries builds bridges and is totally necessary.

This year, I have become fascinated by Economics - in large part because of the articles I read in the FT. The FT is unparalleled in its focus on economics and so has been by far the most useful source I have had for enriching my knowledge and consolidating my interest in this subject.

The FT is a critical supplement to my core economics learning, as its articles have helped me to consolidate key economic ideas and theory. It is difficult to find high-quality political/financial articles on the internet that aren't behind a paywall, and so by signing up to the FT schools program I have access to a vital learning aid that helps me to develop my analysis and evaluation points, two critical aspects of essay-writing.

The breadth of topics provided by the FT concerning the financial world has enabled me to put in practise the concepts taught in lessons, and more importantly act as a springboard for further reading beyond my A-level course. The email newsletter is a timely reminder to catch up on the news each week, and also the curated articles offer reads that are more relevant to my course/demographic.

The Financial Times has changed my life. For fifty minutes every day, I spend my bus journey to school reading about Bitcoin's most recent swing, Donald Trump's next wildest claim, or the battles within the Conservative Party. Not only have I developed a wealth of facts and figures to write about in my Economics A-Level exams, but by reading the FT, I have gained a much greater awareness of the world around me.

Colchester Royal Grammar School

I can now back up my political viewpoints with examples and past history, apply theories from the classroom to explain real life scenarios, and be
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well-informed when talking to others about current affairs. In addition, I draw on what I read from the Financial Times to write my own blog posts about personal finance, more specifically pensions, savings and investments, which can be found at www.youngmoneymatters.co.uk. Without the FT, I would not be able to produce the content that I do, and help others start saving for a house, or even retirement. The Financial Times helps me help others, as well as teaching me about the world I live in.

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The FT has enabled me to expand my knowledge of national and global issues in an increasingly political and financially tumultuous world. For instance, the “snap election” which was thoroughly covered by articles containing both opinions and accurate data allowed and inspired me to take a greater interest in the political bedlam of the UK.

King David High Manchester

The wealth of information from differing viewpoints that the FT provides allows me to form opinions on matters that have once appeared far from my reach but are now so easily accessible through my phone on the FT app.

The concise nature of FT articles permit thought provoking concepts without being long-winded and dull to read. The breadth of the FT is what also makes it such a valuable read as it provides relevant and reliable information on not just the finance world, but the arts & fashion, music and entertainment, areas of life that are often overlooked.

Very useful! I love read it! Sometimes is more difficult than others newspapers because articles use a refined language and English is not my first language. But this is good!
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The FT has been extremely useful for complimenting any work done in class and helping deepen my understanding of the content in class.

Free access to the FT has been really useful for my studies and my general knowledge. I hope this carries on through the future.

Great articles and journalism, really helpful to develop knowledge of current affairs - especially important when you’re doing Politics A-Level!

I use the FT frequently to back up my theoretical knowledge in macro economics, especially for essay writing because we are asked to give real-life evidence to prove the theory we are stating. Reading the FT and the news in general is therefore really important for me and being able to have free access to it makes it a lot easier.

I enjoy being able to access the FT's articles, and find them vastly helpful for additional data to use in essays. I also love how I am able to select topics and areas that I am interested in, so that I see content relevant to me and my interests.

The Financial Times has one of the best long form opinion journalism among an already saturated market. It allows for a truly worldwide view, and does not suffocate with only Westminster-centric politics. As a member of generation worldwide I find this invaluable and knowledge of other countries builds bridges and is totally necessary.

Saint Olave's Grammar School
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I do Economics A-Level and have been considering a degree/career in it for a while. The main restriction for me prior to Y12 was a lack of exposure to economics information, as my school did not do Economics GCSE. This year, I have become fascinated by Economics - in large part because of the articles I read in the FT. The FT is unparalleled in its focus on economics and so has been by far the most useful source I have had for enriching my knowledge and consolidating my interest in this subject.

Saint Olave's Grammar School

I study Economics and am looking to take it at university and so Financial Times gives me a good insight of what is happening with the world with banks, the economy, markets, technology and so much more. It is extremely interesting and useful to learn about all these news stories that will increase my knowledge and help me see different strategies and opinions of people so I can learn from their successes or failures. On top of that statistics and facts are displayed so they are easier to compare and the articles are normally not biased so the reader and can read for themselves and make up their own opinion on the different issues rather than being swayed in a certain direction. For me personally, in my every day life this is extremely valuable as I have a better idea of what sort of job I to do when I am older and what really interests me about the world so in this respect I would recommend anyone to read the Financial Times. It is my main source of the worlds news and I’m sure a lot of other people’s too.

Sandringham School

As a budding economist, it is important for me to have good financial knowledge of the world around me. The Financial Times focuses on key topics, allowing me to be aware of key financial and economic events in the world without having to have too deep an understanding in the specific area. However, the level of detail is enough so that I do not feel my understanding has barely improved, but in fact is at just the right level that I am able to practice my application of economic theory.

More recently, the FT has been useful for research regarding my investments in the Student Investor Challenge. Many of my investments are thematic in nature, and being able to research a certain industry or sector while receiving regular updates about it has been exceptionally useful in aiding me to select my portfolio.
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Tiffin School

Besides the obvious that reading the Financial Times keeps me current, I love how it gently prods me to ponder and constantly question ideas and opinions discussed each and every day. Since I started reading the Financial Times, I have written reviews on a number of articles I have read and felt strongly about. It not only boosts my confidence to jot down my own opinions, but also forces me to humble myself into the shoes of the article writers and try to understand what made them feel and write the way that they do. I appreciate the convenient bullet points of summarised news that come in handy when I am on a tight schedule and am yet still wanting to poke my nose into different parts of the world’s events.

Headington School

Parents

“A Financial Times subscription has been very useful for my son to explore career opportunities available to him based on his interests. The ‘Work and Careers’ section has also kept him updated on changes in different industries and employment. This has made him more aware of what work life will be like and given him the chance to prepare better for his future.”

“The FT website has helped James to understand the relevance of classroom economics to modern life, helping him apply what he has learned in school to the worlds of sport and politics through in depth yet easy to read articles.”

“My son has able to use his subscription to the FT to improve his writing style in the classroom. Reading the articles has given him examples of a balanced and developed analysis to utilise in his essays. We find that this helps him write in a more confident and considered way.”