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## *More Book Reviews.....*

**IB Economics in a Nutshell** is an exam study guide, written by Ellie Tragakes, published by Noema Press, selling at £7 on Amazon (ISBN 978-960-93-5931-3). It starts by making clear that it is not a text book and should not be used as such. It is a supplementary revision guide which strips back the garnish and concentrates on delivering technical accuracy and economic theory. For this reason the book does not feature case studies of economics in action which would, due to the global nature of the audience, be difficult to ensure consistency of value. On balance however I found this very refreshing; it means that this is a resource which will stand the test of time. Each section includes key diagrams, theories, examples and pointers towards evaluation. By using a clever colour coding approach, each diagram shows the initial position and the change. Equally impressive is the summary to the section on elasticities, which breaks the knowledge down into the formula, the meaning, the interpretation and an example. A more detailed review will appear in the next issue of *Teaching Business and Economics*.

Paul Rapley

**Maths skills for A level Business Studies**, by Diane Mansell, Oxford University Press (2014), costs £11.99. (ISBN 978-1-4085-2707-8). Each section takes a subject topic, explains the relevant maths processes and provides worked examples and practice questions. The latter have answers on the OUP website (on the cover of the book). In addition there are 'stretch yourself' boxes. These and many of the worked examples are built on simple case study material. Few schools will get one of these for each student, but I would want one if I were teaching.

Nancy Wall

**Essential Maths Skills for AS/A level Economics** is by Peter Davis and Tracey Joad, Philip Allan/Hodder (2016), costs £10.99. (ISBN 978-1-4718-6350-9). Chapters are built around the various mathematical techniques required – ratios, index numbers, etc. – as well as data interpretation skills and standard graphical forms. Concepts are explained, worked examples are provided as well as practice questions and there are guided questions for students who really don't know where to begin. I'd get a copy for myself and use it to help individual students who think they can't do maths. There are a few useful short answer and multiple choice questions at the back with answers online.

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