

RESOURCES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

In this final section we identify several websites and newspapers to help you find up-to-date financial information during the Challenge. Many of these are referred to in the worksheet activities. You may have alternative resources that you personally prefer but our purpose here is to help you avoid getting lost inside websites that use complex jargon and over-complex language and ideas.

How to find share prices

The Internet:

www.londonstockexchange.com
www.ft.com
www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/
www.bloomberg.co.uk
www.reuters.com
<http://finance.yahoo.com/>

Newspapers:

- *Daily Mail*
- *The Times*
- *Daily Telegraph*
- *Financial Times*

Interpreting share information

Newspapers and websites will use different layouts to show share information, but the main data you are looking for is usually shown at the tops of the columns on the share pages. The price of every share is expressed in pence – for example, 470 is worth £4.70 or 1193 is £11.93. The ‘12 month high and low’ shows you the highest and lowest price that share has been over the last year – you can then make a judgement about the current price.

The +/- column shows you whether the price has risen or fallen on the previous day’s trading on the stock exchange. For example, where it might say -1, this means it is worth 1 penny less than the previous day. It is important for you to start using ratios, such as the P/E ratio, so that you become aware of the tools for financial analysis.

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Financial regulators and official government websites

The following websites provide financial education for the general public. Some have information on a number of topics and some are dedicated to one specific topic.

www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk
www.fsa.gov.uk/tables
www.hmrc.gov.uk
www.direct.gov.uk

Other useful financial websites

www.compareandsave.co.uk
www.find.co.uk
www.uknetguide.co.uk
www.investopedia.com
www.finance-glossary.com
<http://money.aol.com>
www.trustnet.com
www.morningstar.co.uk

Websites on specific topics

Share clubs:

www.proshareclubs.co.uk

Pooled investments:

www.investmentuk.org

Pension funds:

http://www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk/tools/pension_calculator.html
<http://www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk/>

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