

Business

Qualifications

Exam board: Edexcel A Level Business

A Level Business (two year course only)

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 passes at grade 5 or grade C (including English and Maths). A minimum of a grade B in Business. If Business is not studied at GCSE a grade 6 in maths is required.

Skills Required

With Business being a living and fast changing subject, this course is ideally suited to those students who excel at research and independent study.

Therefore, the most important attributes needed to take Business are a positive attitude, self-motivation and organisation, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate those ideas effectively to accept a challenge and take a risk. Critical and analytical skills are used to evaluate a student's own work and that of others.

Business is front-page news. The way companies operate is under greater scrutiny than ever before, while TV programmes like The Apprentice and Dragon's Den have raised the profile of business to a new generation. Our aim is to bring the subject to life, enabling students to engage with, explore and understand business behaviour and develop a critical understanding of what business is, what it does and why it does it.

Course Outline

This was a reformed A level for first teaching from September 2015.

The Business course covers elements of: Marketing, Production, Accountancy and Finance, Economics, Law and Human Resource Management.

Student Testimony

"Business is an important part of the world today and therefore Business Studies is a useful subject to do."

"Many careers are business related, therefore putting you in good stead for the future."

"Business Studies is an interesting subject, which is also mentally challenging and gives many useful skills."

Career Paths & Degree Courses

Almost every career has some element of business within it, and therefore the career opportunities after studying Business are almost unlimited. It will be relevant for all business related degrees such as Business Studies, International Business, Management, Marketing and Human Resources.

Year 12 and 13

Paper 1 - Marketing, people and global businesses

Sections A and B each comprise one data response question, broken down into a number of parts, including one extended open-response question.

The assessment is 2 hours - 35% of the total qualification

Paper 2 - Business activities, decisions and strategy

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The assessment is 2 hours - 35% of the total qualification

Paper 3 - Investigating business in a competitive environment

Section A will focus on the broad context provided in a pre-released document issued on our website in the November Year 13.

Section B will focus on at least one strand within the context provided.

Each section will contain unseen stimulus materials comprising quantitative and qualitative evidence.

The assessment comprises 2 questions - 30% of the total qualification