

Business and Economics



Key Stage 4 (years 10-11)

Edexcel GCSE Business Studies

Through studying Business, students will be able to apply knowledge and understanding to business decision making, including the interdependent nature of business activity, influences on business, business operations, finance, marketing and human resources; and how these interdependencies underpin business decision making. Students will develop problem-solving and decision-making skills relevant to business as well as investigate, analyse and evaluate business opportunities and issues, whilst making justified decisions using both qualitative and quantitative data, including its selection, interpretation, analysis and evaluation, and the application of appropriate quantitative skills. The course covers a broad range of business topics, ensuring young people are prepared for the world of work, either as an employee, or as an employer.

Key Stage 5 (years 12-13)

AQA A Level Business and AQA A Level Economics

Both courses captivate students by focusing on real-world issues that reflect the challenges and developments of today's society.

A Level Business explores how organisations operate and compete, from startups to global corporations. Students investigate strategy, marketing, finance, operations, HR, technology, ethics and stakeholder impact. Through real business cases, they develop analytical, quantitative and decision-making skills to understand, evaluate and shape success in an ever-changing business world.

A Level Economics brings theory to life through real-world issues, exploring markets, government policy, globalisation, inequality and economic performance. Students build strong quantitative and analytical skills, evaluate evidence, and think critically about how economies work, developing the insight to understand and influence decisions shaping society locally and globally.

Level 3 BTEC Business - Pearson

This course offers two options:

1. **The Extended Certificate** (equivalent to 1 A Level)
2. **The Diploma** (equivalent to 2 A Levels)

There are various practical elements to both courses that enable students to gain a more "hands on" approach to their learning, with assessment being a mixture of coursework and exam. The BTEC Business course enables students to pair theory with practice, helping to understand contemporary issues, interpret financial and non-financial information, problem solve creatively and develop persuasive lines of argument.

Many of our students who study either Business A level, Economics A Level or Business BTEC go on to secure Higher Degree Apprenticeships or University Courses of their choice, in a range of areas including Management, Economics, Marketing and Accounting.