

# AS and A2 Level Accountancy

## Introduction to Accountancy

This course will equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to be able to assess the performance of all types of business organisation. It will enable you to effectively analyse and evaluate financial data which can be used to make judgements, decisions and recommendations about how a business can manage their financial affairs.

Accounting involves a number of technical skills that are required to gather and produce financial information.

Accounting will help build problem solving, decision making and communication skills.

## AS Accounts

Students will develop knowledge and understanding of the following areas:

- Purpose, importance and consequence of effective financial accounting.
- Various techniques to gather and produce financial statements and other relevant reports.
- How to analyse, interpret and communicate the results of various financial information.
- How financial accounting helps in the measuring, monitoring and planning of successful business operations.

## A2 Accounts

Students will further develop their understanding of financial accounting techniques for businesses without a complete accounting system, for partnerships and for limited companies.

Students will also study in greater depth how accounting techniques aid business management and decision making. They will look at costing, capital investment, budgeting and sources of finance as well as considering social accounting issues.

## Exams

Both AS and A2 Accounts will have formal exams. Students must pass AS Accounts to continue with the A2 course.

Requirements for the course

**The course should be suitable for anyone who:**

- Enjoys working with figures and problem solving.
- Is accurate with calculations.
- Is neat, methodical and logical.

- BUSINESS & ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT
- Has good communication skills, both verbal and written
  - has obtained GCSE Maths at grade B or above and GCSE English at grade C or above.

### **Advice**

Accounts is a very specialised A Level. It requires determination and hard work to pass as you're learning the basics of a professional career. It is not suitable for someone with a passing interest in business. It is suitable for someone who has a strong desire to become an accountant.

### **Teaching**

A variety of teaching methods will be used to teach this course. Detailed handouts are provided together with extensive exam practice questions, all of which will be worked through and explained.

### **Assessment**

Students will be given formal tests on a regular basis. Students will be expected to complete regular homework to develop knowledge and understanding of the subject material. Four external exams are taken during the A level – two in each year. There is no coursework.

### **Aim**

This course is designed to give students a broad appreciation of accountancy and will be of benefit to anyone considering a career within business finance and accountancy.

Students who aspire to running their own businesses one day will also find the course very useful, as the financial side of a business is extremely important.

### **Contact Details**

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