

# BTEC First Certificate in Business Studies (Year 10)

BTEC First is an established and well respected vocational qualification that provides learners with knowledge and skills in the field of business.

Students can study for BTEC First Certificate in Business alongside GCSE and other qualifications.

The course is designed to appeal to students who would enjoy a practical, applied approach to learning about how businesses function. Assessment is entirely through coursework with no formal exams.

## **BTEC First Certificate**

- Course is equivalent to two GCSEs grades A\* - C
- Consists of three units (one core and two specialist)
- Studied in two years (three periods a week)

## **Units**

The core unit is:

- Exploring Business Purposes

Specialist units are likely to be:

- People in Organisations
- Developing Customer Relations

## **How will I be assessed?**

During the course you will build up a portfolio of work. Work will be assessed throughout the course. You will get a grade for each unit (pass, merit, distinction) and an overall grade of pass, merit, or distinction for the whole course.

A range of different types of work will be assessed. As well as written work you are likely to be assessed through visual and oral presentations, role play exercises, and project work.

To succeed on this course you will need to be self-motivated and organised as you will be expected to take control of your own learning and progress.

## What careers can I enter with a qualification in Business Studies?

The BTEC course will prepare you well for staying on at Beauchamp to study A levels or further vocational courses. Students may also progress to vocational courses at local colleges or enter employment.

Opportunities in the business world are many and varied. Following a course in Business may be helpful if you are thinking of entering a career in human resource management, finance, supply chain management, accounting, sales, marketing, administration, or ICT. It will provide a useful background if you are considering starting your own business in the future.

## How do I find out more?

If you have any questions that this booklet doesn't answer, or if you want to find out more about the course and if it is suitable for you, please ring the college and ask to speak to Mrs Jackson.

## GCSE Equivalents for BTEC First Qualifications

### Diploma

<u>Grade</u>	<u>GCSE Equivalent</u>
Pass	CCCC
Merit	BBBB
Distinction	AAAA
Distinction *	A*A*A*A*

### Certificate

<u>Grade</u>	<u>GCSE Equivalent</u>
Pass	CC
Merit	BB
Distinction	AA
Distinction *	A*A*