

A Level Business Studies

What Will I Do?

Business Studies is concerned with enterprise, companies, industry, government, and all the factors that have an effect on them.

The course content is divided into a number of different areas:

- Planning & Financing a Business
- Managing a Business
- Strategies for Success
- The Business Environment & Managing Change

If these topics appear to be daunting, do not be put off as you are hardly expected to be familiar with them before starting the course! If your curiosity has been aroused you are always welcome to have a chat with a member of the Business Studies Department.

How Will I Learn?

During the course you will be taught by at least two members of the department, who will use a variety of teaching methods to aid your learning. It is also expected that you will study and undertake further reading around the subject at home.

What Do I Need To Take This Subject?

Students should possess at least 5 GCSEs at Grade C or above, 2 of which must be English and Mathematics, as Business Studies involves both data response questions and financial calculations. Business Studies at GCSE is not necessary for successful completion of the AS/A Level courses.

How Will I Be Assessed?

Exams will be taken in the January and summer of both year 12 and year 13. At the end of the one year AS course, a student can choose whether or not to carry on and complete the full A Level. If they choose to carry on, the AS forms 50% of the assessment weighting of the full A Level.

How Will It Help Me?

A qualification in Business Studies will help to develop the skills required to successfully run a business and can act as a good foundation for many degree courses. It will also provide you with a good start to the world of work, should you decide not to pursue a course in higher education.

For further information about the course, please feel free to have a chat with any member of the Business Studies Department.