

# A-Level Business Studies

## Why Business Studies?

Business Studies is essentially an investigation into how the wider world works. Students who study this course will be able to see how they fit into the businesses that they work for, then how their contributions fit with the overall goals of the organisation. Students will also develop an interest in the world around them and start to appreciate how the events in the wider world will have an effect on them and other parts of the country and economy around them.

The actions of businesses and the reasons they have for the strategies that they employ will start to make sense and the mistakes they make will provide opportunities for students to learn about the real issues within the operations of organisations and economies around the world.

## What can I expect?

The topics lend themselves to studying and engaging with the business world. The specification and assessment encourage students to follow business developments and think critically about contemporary business issues. Most of the assessment material is based on real business situations. By examining and thinking critically about real business situations as they study the subject, students will gain an insight into different contexts which will help them to understand the key issues in any situation and compare and contrast this with other situations and apply their understanding.

## What do I need?

A GCSE in Business Studies or similar qualification is not needed for this course but a wider base of skills are. The course requires some extended writing for the essay answers that come in the examination papers. Also some mathematics is involved in the finance areas of the specification. Normal entry requirements for Sixth Form will be a prerequisite.

## What about the future?

Students who study Business Studies can continue to study many other courses in their future education. Business Studies provides a foundation with which students can then continue onto further education courses with a basis of understanding which is then crucial to the effective study of other subjects.

Business Studies also provides a level of understanding which is essential if students wish to work for themselves or other businesses straight after leaving education. The understanding of how businesses work is essential for any young person in being able to see how the job they are completing fits in a wider organisation.

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