

KS4 BUSINESS

Allocation – 3 x 50 minute lessons per week

INTENT

GCSE Business aims to provide our students with the knowledge and skills that develop them into critical thinkers and decision makers. They benefit by becoming commercially minded and enterprising individuals who draw on business information and evidence enabling them to build links between the business world and their normal lives

We wish to :-

- enable our students to understand more about the business world and develop as commercially minded and enterprising individuals who are able to build links between the business world and their normal lives.
- Enable our students to think critically, drawing on business information and evidence to develop arguments and make justified decisions
- motivate and challenge students, and prepare them to make informed decisions about further study and career pathways.

We will enable students to:-

- know and understand business concepts, business terminology and business objective
- Understand the impact of business on individuals and wider society
- apply knowledge and understanding to contemporary business issues and to different types and sizes of businesses in local, national and global contexts
- develop as enterprising individuals with the ability to think commercially and creatively to demonstrate business acumen
- develop as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- use an enquiring, critical approach to make informed judgements
- investigate and analyse real business opportunities and issues to construct well- argued, well-evidenced, balanced and structured arguments, demonstrating their depth and breadth of understanding of business
- develop and apply quantitative skills relevant to business, including using and interpreting data

SKILLS

The core skills students will develop are the ability to:-

- use business terminology to identify and explain business activity
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- apply business concepts to familiar and unfamiliar contexts
- develop problem solving and decision making skills relevant to business
- investigate, analyse and evaluate business opportunities and issues
- make justified decisions using both qualitative and quantitative data including its selection, interpretation, analysis and evaluation, and the application of appropriate quantitative skills

KS5 BUSINESS

5 x 50 minute lessons per week

2 teacher delivery

INTENT

A Level Business aims to provide our students with the knowledge and skills that develop them into critical thinkers and decision makers. They benefit by becoming commercially minded and enterprising individuals who draw on business information and evidence enabling them to acquire a range of transferable skills and build links between the business world and their normal lives

We will enable students to:-

- develop an enthusiasm for studying business and for enterprise.
- gain a holistic understanding of business in a range of familiar and unfamiliar contexts
- develop a critical understanding of organisations and their ability to meet society's needs and wants
- understand that business behaviour can be studied from a range of perspectives
- generate enterprising and creative approaches to business opportunities, problems and issues
- be aware of the ethical and environmental dilemmas and responsibilities faced by organisations and individuals
- acquire a range of relevant business and transferable skills, including decision making, problem solving, the challenging of assumptions and critical analysis
- apply numerical skills in a range of business contexts

SKILLS

Students will develop the ability to investigate different types and sizes of organisations in various business sectors and environments with a view to:-

- develop an awareness of local, national and global contexts
- identify business opportunities and problems
- investigate, analyse and evaluate business opportunities and problems
- apply and use numerical skills
- make justifiable decisions using both qualitative methods and quantitative methods
- identify and understand how businesses adapt to operate successfully in a dynamic business environment
- promote an holistic understanding of business and enterprise
- apply basic business concepts to a wider range of contexts terms,
- apply business concepts, theories, methods and models to show how organisations are affected by and respond to business issues
- understand and apply more sophisticated concepts and techniques
- analyse, interpret and evaluate more complex business information
- analyse issues within business, showing an understanding of the impact on individuals and organisations of external and internal influences
- take a more strategic view of business opportunities, problems and issues
- evaluate qualitative and quantitative evidence to make informed judgements and propose evidence-based solutions to business issues

KS5 ECONOMICS

5 x 50 minute lessons per week

2 teacher delivery

INTENT

A-Level Economics aims to help students develop an understanding of micro and macro economic theories and principles, and to equip them with the skills and attitudes to apply their knowledge in the real world while also critically challenging economic assumptions. They then develop awareness of how the wider economy impacts them as economic agents.

We will enable students to:-

- develop an interest in and enthusiasm for the subject
- appreciate the contribution of economics to the understanding of the wider economic and social environment
- develop an understanding of a range of concepts and an ability to use those concepts in a variety of different contexts
- use an enquiring, critical and thoughtful approach to the study of economics and develop an ability to think as an economist
- understand that economic behaviour can be studied from a range of perspectives
- develop analytical and quantitative skills, together with qualities and attitudes which will equip them for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult and working life

SKILLS

Students will be provided with a coherent combination of micro-economic and macro-economic content, drawing on local, national and global contexts with a view to:-

- foster the appreciation of economic concepts and theories in a range of contexts and develop a critical consideration of their value and limitations in explaining real-world phenomena.
- develop an understanding of economic concepts and theories through a critical consideration of current economic issues, problems and institutions that affect everyday life
- develop analytical and quantitative skills in selecting, interpreting and using appropriate data from a range of sources, including those indicated in the Annex
- explain, analyse and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the market economy and the role of government within it
- develop a critical approach to economic models of enquiry, recognising the limitations of economic models
- develop the ability to apply and evaluate economic models as represented in written, numerical and graphical forms; interpret and evaluate different types of data from multiple sources; and propose and justify possible responses to economic issues