

# Business Education

The Business Education Department offers a number of courses catering for different levels of ability. The Business Suite is housed in purpose built accommodation and is equipped to support good commercial practices. All courses lead to a recognised qualification and will help prepare students for progression to Post-16 courses in Business Studies. They also provide a good foundation experience for any office/business employment. Business Education is a lively department with staff who are well informed about current affairs and business.



## GCSE Business Studies - Edexcel

The GCSE in Business has been designed to equip candidates with practical knowledge, skills and an understanding of modern business organisations. The qualification will enable candidates to apply their learning both in further study and in the workplace. A GCSE in Business is an ideal qualification for those candidates who want a broad-based and practical qualification in business. It is important that you have a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in Business, willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively. You should also be competent in the subject areas of Mathematics and English to make satisfactory progress.

The course covers all the different areas of Business under two themes

**Theme 1: Investigating small business** – which covers

- Enterprise and entrepreneurship
- Spotting a business opportunity
- Putting a business idea into practice
- Making the business effective
- Understanding external influences on business

**Theme 2: Building a business** – which covers

- Growing the business
- Making marketing decisions
- Making operational decisions
- Making financial decisions
- Making human resource decisions

## **ASSESSMENT**

The course is assessed through two examinations at the end of Y11. The papers will consist of calculations, multiple-choice, short-answer and extended-writing questions.

Where possible business representatives will visit the school to give you a real picture of how businesses operate. We also organise external visits for you to experience first-hand how businesses operate.