

Overview of Year 11 Business Studies Curriculum

Pupils will follow AQA GCSE Specification B. The subject content includes the following areas.

- Marketing
- Finance
- Production
- The Management of people within business.

The Subject Content of this specification is designed to be contextual and inter-related. The Subject Content and the way it is set out attempts to match the way that real world business operates.

- Pupils will be required to complete coursework, which constitutes 25% of the total marks. Coursework will consist of a single problem solving assignment of approximately 2000 words. Pupils will be expected to investigate and propose a solution to a business problem or hypothesis.

Homework

Homework is set on a weekly basis and recorded in the Teacher Planner. The homework set will relate to the topic being taught and may include;

- Written responses to questions, data or worksheets.
- Investigative research.
- Projects including coursework.

Revision of subject content in preparation for unit tests.

Examinations/Key assessments

The policy of the department is that assessment should take place regularly and should be constructive. Assessment takes the following forms;

- Formative assessment is on going and designed to monitor performance and enable constant feedback to be given.
- Pupil self-assessment helps the pupil to evaluate their own progress and to set themselves short-term targets.

Summative assessment provides evidence of achievement at the end of unit tests. Unit tests will be marked in accordance to GCSE assessment criteria and should enable pupils to review and improve their performance.

How Parents can help

The department considers parents as a valuable resource to the school, and the closer the link between the department and parents, the greater the impact the department can have on pupils. The department encourages open communication with parents especially with regard to seeking parental support in dealing with concerns such as their child failing to produce homework or coursework tasks or regarding concerns over their lack of progress. During parents' consultation evenings, staff can explain coursework tasks to parents and indicate ways on how parents can monitor their child's progress. Parents can also help by checking that homework is recorded in their child's planner and completed on time to the best of their child's ability. Parents can also help by ensuring that their child has the required equipment for lessons.