

COURSE TITLE

A Level Business

Exam Board: AQA

AIMS OF THE COURSE

Studying A Level Business will enable you to investigate and learn about a variety of different contexts including small and large businesses, manufacturing and service-based businesses and UK and global businesses. You will be able to assess and analyse a range of business issues including how they; make decisions, use data, compete, organise, consider stakeholders, use technology and deal with external factors. Choosing this subject at A Level will give you a solid grounding in both the theory and practice of business and will equip you with a variety of valuable skills moving forward into further study and a variety of future career options.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

Over the two-year course you will study the following topics;

- Developing an understanding of business basics.
- Learning about the roles of management, leadership and decision making in business.
- Exploring the Marketing, Operations, Finance and Human Resources

functional areas of business.

- Understanding strategy and managing change in business.

HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

You will take 3 x 2 hour examination papers at the end of Y13. Each examination is graded out of 100 raw marks and will account for one third of your A Level. All of the examinations will test a variety of skills developed over the two year course and for each paper will include;

Business 1 – 15 multiple choice questions, short answer questions worth 35 marks and a choice of two 25 mark essay questions.

Business 2 – Three compulsory data response questions each worth approximately 33 marks and made up of three or four parts.

Business 3 – Approximately six extended response questions based on one compulsory case-study.

WHAT WIDER SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP?

- Problem solving.
- Analysing a variety of business data.
- The ability to effectively assess and critique a range of business contexts.
- Being able to evaluate and draw your own conclusions and judgements on a array of business issues.

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE OPTIONS FROM THE COURSE?

The subject will give you future options to work in the world of business or become an entrepreneur and set up your own business.

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COURSE TITLE

A Level Economics

Exam Board: AQA

AIMS OF THE COURSE

Economics is one of the most interesting and relevant subjects that you can choose to study. The basic economic problem of scarcity means that choices have to be made in terms of how a limited amount of resources can meet an infinite amount of needs and wants. This problem faced by consumers, firms and governments forms the core subject content. Economics considers how markets are used as a mechanism for exchanging resources and examines how economies of nations operate in the global economy.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

Microeconomics

Individual economic decision making, behaviour of firms, markets and market failure.

Macroeconomics

National economy, international economy, government policies and trade.

HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

You will take 3 x 2 hour examination papers at the end of Y13. Each examination is graded out of 80 raw marks and will account for one third of your A Level. All of the examinations will test a variety of skills developed over the two year course and for each paper will include;

Paper 1 'Markets and Market Failure': data response questions based on an economic context and essays questions.

Paper 2 'National and International Economy': data response questions based on an economic context and essays questions.

Paper 3 'Economic Principles and Issues': multiple choice questions and written responses to questions based on an economic case-study.

WHAT WIDER SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP?

The ability to analyse economic issues; Evaluation skills which allow you to form your own opinions and judgements on economic issues; The ability to apply what you are learning to real world events.

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE OPTIONS FROM THE COURSE?

Economics is a well-respected subject taken seriously by Universities and will allow you to study the subject at undergraduate level, or alternatively is a good foundation for studying other Social Sciences.

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