



GCSE Business

Developing enterprising minds

Exam board

Edexcel

Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy:

Communicating and explaining your ideas

Thinking creatively and making decisions

Working with numbers to solve business problems

Learning about the world of business through real and relevant local and international brands then the GCSE Business course is the right subject for you.

What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?

It doesn't matter if you haven't studied business prior to taking this course. You might have an interest in business, and want to start your own business one day. You may have an enquiring mind and be interested in learning about the world around you, how businesses are set up, and what it is that makes someone a great entrepreneur. This course will help you to understand all this and more.

What will I learn?

You'll start by exploring the world of small businesses through the lens of an entrepreneur. How and why do business ideas come about? What makes a successful business? You'll learn how to develop an idea, spot an opportunity and turn it into a successful business. You will understand how to make a business effective, manage money and see how the world around us affects small businesses and all the people involved. In Year 11, you'll move on to investigating business growth. You'll learn about key business concepts and issues and decisions you need to make when growing a business and working in a global business.

What can I do after I've completed the course?

After this qualification you'll understand the world of business and have developed skills in making decisions and developing persuasive arguments; creative and practical problem solving; understanding data, finance and communication. It's also a great step preparing you for further and higher education such as A Levels.

Career links

A GCSE Business course could help prepare you for an entrepreneurial role and help you to gain an understanding of what is involved in a business-related profession, like accountancy, law, marketing or the leisure and tourism industry.

How will I be assessed?

The qualification will be assessed in two equally weighted exam papers. There is no coursework.

Paper 1 - Theme 1: Investigating small business

Paper 2 - Theme 2: Building a business

Written exam: 90 minutes, 90 marks, 50% of the total GCSE Multiple choice, calculation, short-answer and extended-writing questions based on real life, relevant business contexts and examples.



Field Trips

We want to show our students the real world of business.

One of our main ideals is that business can't be studied in isolation. To truly get the most out of a course, students have to experience life outside the classroom. One way we assure that this happens is by organising trips to companies in the UK and beyond such as Jaguar Land Rover, Birmingham.

