

Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form

KS5 CURRICULUM

Course Title: **A Level Business**

Examination Board: Edexcel



Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English

Assessment: There are three externally assessed papers at A-Level. Each paper comprises 100 marks and is two hours in duration. Questions range from short answer questions, data response and extended open response.

The AS level is embedded in the A level: themes 1 and 2 are the same in both the AS and A level specifications. There are two externally assessed papers at AS level. Each paper comprises 80 marks and is 1.5 hours in duration. Questions range from short answers, data response and extended open response.

Is This Course Right For Me?

The aim of the course is to enable students to develop an interest in and enthusiasm for Business. It will engage student and help them understand and appreciate the world of business.

Where ever students go they will be stepping into a business, whether this is coming to school, going shopping or visiting the cinema with their friends. Businesses are everywhere. Therefore this course will help students appreciate how a business works and all the elements that come together to make a business successful. A-Level Business will help students in the future as they are likely to work in one or even be in charge of their own business one day.

This exciting course has four main themes over the 2 years. Students will build up their core knowledge of business concepts and apply them to business contexts and real businesses. They will then consider more complex business issues and take a strategic view of business opportunities and issues.

Unit Contents:

Theme 1: Marketing and People

In this theme, students are introduced to the market, explore the marketing and people functions and investigate entrepreneurs and business start-up.

Theme 2: Managing Business Activity

In this theme, students explore the finance and operations functions, and investigate external influences on business.

Theme 3: Business Decisions and Strategy

In this theme, students develop their understanding of the concepts introduced in Theme 2 and explore influences on business strategy and decision-making.

Theme 4: Global Business

In this theme, students develop their understanding of the concepts introduced in Theme 1 and explore business activity in a global context.

Progression:

The eclectic nature of A-Level Business gives students an excellent grounding for University and those seeking internships or employment. Business Studies and related degree courses continue to be the biggest single subject area within Higher Education.

A-Level Business is a good basis for progression to degrees in Business Administration, Marketing, Human Resources, Accountancy, Stock broking, Finance and Banking. There are numerous Business degrees and most universities provide business courses. Many courses are connected with a particular area of business such as: Business with Computing, Business and Management, International Business, Business with a Language, or Business and Finance.

Example of university courses and grades required

- Law and Business – **Warwick University**, A, A, B
- Finance and Accountancy – **Leicester University**, A, B, B
- Human Resources – **University of Hertfordshire**, B, B, C

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