

Year 12 students



Student Comments

“Business studies is a fantastic subject and I’m glad I chose it!”
DP

“I didn't do business studies at GCSE and even though it is a tough subject I'm really enjoying lessons and learning so much.”
FZ

“Business studies is really interesting. It is difficult at first but Mr Dudley really helps in lessons”
JCB



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Business Studies

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What is the level of course I will take?

You will be studying towards a level 3 qualification. Business studies is an A level over a 2 year period

How will I be assessed?

During your studies you will undertake routine assessments during lessons. This will be at the end of a topic and will be based around a case study followed by exam style questions. These assessment will inform your working at grade as well as your predictions.

At the end of the two year course you will sit 3 synoptic written exam papers lasting 2 hours each.

Paper 1: Business 1	Paper 2: Business 2	Paper 3: Business 3
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Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">written exam: 2 hours100 marks in total33.3% of A-level	Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">written exam: 2 hours100 marks in total33.3% of A-level	Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">written exam: 2 hours100 marks in total33.3% of A-level
Questions Three compulsory sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Section A has 15 multiple choice questions (MCQs) worth 15 marks.Section B has short answer questions worth 35 marks.Sections C and D have two essay questions (choice of one from two and one from two) worth 25 marks each.	Questions Three data response compulsory questions worth approximately 33 marks each and made up of three or four part questions.	Questions One compulsory case study followed by approximately six questions.

How will the course help me after Sixth Form?

Studying towards a business A level will support you in your understanding of the world around you and allow you to critically analyse decisions from a number of different perspectives. A business studies A level is very popular with students who want to go onto university or take up degree apprenticeships.

Course Content

Year 1

- What is a business?
- Managers, leadership and decision making
- Decision making to improve marketing performance
- Decision making to improve operational performance
- Decision making to improve financial performance
- Decision making to improve human resource performance

Year 2

- Analysing the strategic position of a business
- Choosing strategic direction
- Strategic methods: how to pursue strategies
- Managing strategic change

Further Information

Although the course is popular with students who have studied GCSE business studies it is not a requirement.