

KS5 – Yr13 A Level Business Curriculum Overview

What is the A Level Business curriculum aiming to achieve?		
What do we want our Year 13 Economics students to be like?	How are we building on prior learning?	How can parents/carers support their child's learning?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have students who are: Resilient and Confident learners Developed Extended Writing strategies Numerate and comfortable using a range of formula Inquisitive Problem Solvers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economics is a new course in Year 12, however, there will be similar skills developed in KS4 such as: Oral Literacy Extended Writing Strategies Develop numeracy Problem solving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage students read around the subject outside of lesson and to develop examination technique using the BLTHC approach in their home learning. Talk to students about the Business World and Encourage students to engage in information about the UK economy and world economy.

How are we organising the Year 13 A Level Business curriculum?						
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topics	Theme 3 – Decision making tools such as Decision trees, moving averages, critical path analysis, corporate influences, corporate culture (3.3, 3.4)	Theme 3 – Ethics and Decision making, Assessing competitiveness through Financial statements, ratio analysis, HR, Managing change (3.5, 3.6)	Theme 4 – Globalisation, Factors that contribute, protectionist policies, trade blocs and liberalisation. Global markets and how/why we trade (4.1, 4.2)	Theme 4 – Global markets and controlling MNCs (4.3, 4.4)	Revision of all Themes ready for Examination Series.	Examination Series
Threshold Concepts	Can you use a range of decision-making tools to evaluate success of Businesses? Can you explain how corporate culture affects Businesses?	Can you explain how ethical influences affect decision making? Can you interpret financial statements, HR analysis and Ratio analysis to make decisions?	What are the reasons for using Protectionism policies? What are the implications of changes in the exchange rate for businesses that import and/or export?	What are the reasons why firms use particular countries for trade and location? What is the impact of a Minimum Wage rate on global markets? Can you explain the impact of MNCs on countries?	What are the skills needed to successfully answer questions using a range of command words?	
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Confidence ICT skills Literacy Numeracy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Confidence ICT skills Literacy Numeracy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Confidence ICT skills Literacy Numeracy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Confidence ICT skills Literacy Numeracy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Confidence ICT skills Literacy Numeracy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Confidence ICT skills Literacy Numeracy
Enrichment within the curriculum	Post Covid - Students will have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers from the Business World across the GCSE course. Students will be able to engage in enterprise activities as well as learning how Businesses operate from a variety of different videos. The opportunity to take part in the Young Enterprise is on offer as part of the Sixth Form enrichment programme.					
Cross curricular links	The Business & Economic curriculum makes links to a number of different subjects that students will study from other departments. Some examples of links are noted below: Mathematics: the use of data figure to come to judgements and illustration of statistics Geography: the link between globalisation and the impact on businesses and local people English: reading, writing - especially for extended written responses Psychology: consumer behaviour Sociology: trends in society					

Extra-curricular opportunities	Business students are encouraged to watch TV programmes such as The Apprentice and Dragon's Den. This is to help the students to become more aware of the world around them. We also offer Young Enterprise and opportunities to visit Universities for talks.
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What are the intended outcomes of the Year 13 A Level Business curriculum?						
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Opportunities to show progress (Assessments)	Knowledge tests, Exam Questions based on 4-, 8-, 12- and 20-mark questions using command words. Year 13 in class PPE	Knowledge tests, Exam Questions based on 4-, 8-, 12- and 20-mark questions using command words. Year 13 i PPE	Knowledge tests, Exam Questions based on 4-, 8-, 12- and 20-mark questions using command words.	Knowledge tests, Exam Questions based on 4-, 8-, 12- and 20-mark questions using command words. Year 13 PPE	Knowledge tests, Exam Questions based on 4-, 8-, 12- and 20-mark questions using command words.	Examination Series
Impact on personal development (SMSC)	Through the studies of ethics, students are able to learn about respecting the faiths, feelings and values of other countries and cultures. Students will be able to share opinions and reflect on sensitive and contentious issues such as child labour, global climate change and exploitation of developing countries. Students will be encouraged to make difficult moral decisions based on a range of ethical themes.					
Preparation for the next stage of education	In year 13, we develop A Level assessment questions, concepts, key vocabulary and command words. This is where we introduce the BLTHC approach to exam questions that develops context, balance, analysis and evaluation. We also develop resilience, independence, confidence and oral literacy by creating activities that incorporate DIRT responses. This helps students to choose on the path towards University, Apprenticeships or the World of Work.					