

BUSINESS (Edexcel: A-Level 9BSo)

Business A-Level examines a wide range of topics. There is plenty to learn about how a business is set up and run successfully. Small, large, local, national and multinational businesses are used to provide examples of the concepts learnt and students are expected to use examples from their own experiences and knowledge.

The course will examine the factors that influence business decisions, both internal and external, the core business functions of marketing, finance, operations and people management and students will learn a range of analytical techniques and models. Ten percent of the marks available will be assessed through numerical methods so it is essential that candidates are comfortable with calculations, graphs and ratios. Ideally you will have Grade A in GCSE Mathematics. Lessons involve a wide range of teaching and learning methods to engage all students and study is enhanced by trips and the opportunity to take part in the Young Enterprise company scheme.

The A-Level course will be taught over two years. It is examined at the end of the Upper Sixth by three written exams, each approximately 2 hours long. There is no coursework.

The course has been designed to encourage candidates to acquire a range of important and transferable skills:

- presenting arguments and making judgments and justified recommendations on the basis of the available evidence
- recognising the nature of problems, solving problems and making decisions
- data skills – candidates will be expected to manipulate data in a variety of forms and to interpret their results
- challenging assumptions using available evidence

During the course, a willingness to study independently and awareness of business in the news will help you develop the skills and knowledge necessary for success.

Why Business?

Business is obviously of interest if you are considering a career in this field, but almost all occupations require an understanding of how a business operates and the skills you develop, including the process of decision-making. Business is a course which combines well with many other subjects, such as Law, Psychology, Maths, Physics and Engineering and will increase your understanding of the world in which we live and the contribution made by businesses to our economic wellbeing.



WHERE NEXT?

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