

A-Level Business Studies

EXAM BOARD: Edexcel

What does the course cover?

During this course students will:

- develop an enthusiasm for studying business and economics
- gain an holistic understanding of business and economics in a range of contexts
- develop a critical understanding of organisations and their ability to meet society's needs and wants and understand that business behaviour can be studied from a range of perspectives
- be aware of the ethical dilemmas and responsibilities faced by organisations and individuals
- apply numerical skills in a range of business and economics contexts.

What skills will the course help you develop?

Students of Edexcel A-Level in Business Studies will develop a good grounding in business and economics theory as well as a range of relevant business skills including decision-making, problem-solving, the challenging of assumptions and the quantification and management of information. Students are introduced to business through building knowledge of core business concepts and applying them to business contexts to develop a broad understanding of how businesses work. Students are encouraged to use an enquiring, critical and thoughtful approach to the study of business, to understand that business behaviour can be studied from a range of perspectives and to challenge assumptions.

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed through exams only, using a mixture of short and long essays. There are 3 exams at the end of Year 13 (each 2 hours).

What are the entry requirements?

Students wishing to study Business Studies should have 5 A*-C GCSEs. A 'B' grade in mathematics is also preferable, given the economics content studied.

What do students who study this course go on to do?

Students who study this course have gone on to study a wide range of subjects at university, from higher education courses such as business management, business administration, accountancy and finance, human resource management, marketing, retail management, tourism management and international business. The course offers a gateway to a wide range of careers ranging from banking, sales, product management and general management to working in public sector organisations or charities.

Who is the staff contact for Business Studies?

Mr Rushworth and Mr Burke