

# Curriculum Information

Key Stage 4



## Business Studies

*Shaping creative and confident  
students who better understand  
themselves and the world around  
them*

*For yourself & for others*

### **Curriculum Intent**

In Business, our intent is to deliver a high quality, ambitious and relevant Business curriculum that is engaging and inspiring, and which reflects the demands of a truly modern and evolving business environment. Teaching will enable students to develop as commercially minded and enterprising individuals and will help them to succeed in their chosen pathway.

Students will gain an enthusiasm for business and a holistic understanding of business in a range of contexts. They will develop a critical understanding of organisations and their ability to meet society's needs and wants.

### **Key Stage 4 Business**

GCSE Business aims to develop students' understanding of business and encourage creative thinking and decision making. Students learn about the world of business through research and investigation as well as practical tasks. Students are not expected to have a knowledge of business but should be interested in learning about the world around them, how businesses are set up and what it is that makes someone a great entrepreneur.

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## **GCSE Business - Edexcel - Specification code 1BS0**

### **Year 10**

Theme 1: Investigating Small Business, which covers enterprise, making the start-up effective and putting the business ideas into practice.

### **Year 11**

Theme 2: Building a Business which covers marketing, customer needs, financial management and human resource decisions.

GCSE Business will be assessed as follows:

Two written exams of 1 hour 45 minutes each. Both papers will consist of calculations, multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

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#### **Recommended text book:**

GCSE Business - Collins Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Revision Business; ISBN: 978-0-00-822739-5

#### **Specification Link:**

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/business-2017.html>



Year & Half Term	Themes / Key Questions	Knowledge & Skills
Yr10 HT1	Enterprise and entrepreneurship	Understanding the dynamic nature of business in relation to how and why business ideas come about. The impact of risk and reward on business activity and the role of entrepreneurship is also explored. Skills: Problem solving, communication, critical thinking, creativity.
Yr 10 HT2	Spotting a business opportunity	Understanding how new and small businesses identify opportunities through understanding customer needs and conducting market research. Also, a focus on understanding the competition. Skills: Problem solving, communication, critical thinking, creativity.
Yr 10 HT3	Putting a business idea into practice	Understanding how a business idea can happen through identifying aims and objectives and concentrating on the financial aspects. Skills: Quantitative/numerical
Yr 10 HT4	Making the business effective	Understanding the range of factors that impact on the success of the business, including location, the marketing mix and the business plan. Skills: Problem solving, communication, critical thinking, creativity.
Yr 10 HT5	Understanding external influences on business	Understanding the factors which are outside of a businesses control such as stakeholders, technology, legislation and the economy. Students will explore how businesses respond to these influences. Skills: Problem solving, communication, critical thinking, creativity.
Yr 10 HT6	Making human resource decisions	Begin to understand organisational structures, recruitment, training and motivation needed to be made to influence business activity. Skills: Problem solving, communication, critical thinking, creativity.

Year & Half Term	Themes / Key Questions	Knowledge & Skills
Yr 11 HT1	Making human resource decisions	Understanding organisational structures, recruitment, training and motivation needed to be made to influence business activity. Skills: Problem solving, communication, critical thinking, creativity.
Yr 11 HT2	Making marketing decisions	Understand how each element of the marketing mix is managed and used to inform and make business decisions in a competitive marketplace. Skills: Problem solving, communication, critical thinking, creativity.
Yr 11 HT3	Making operational decisions	Understand how a business meets customer needs through the design, supply, quality and sales decisions a business makes. Skills: Problem solving, communication, critical thinking, creativity.
Yr 11 HT4	Growing a business	Understanding methods of growth and how and why business aims and objectives change as businesses evolve. The impact of globalisation and the ethical and environmental questions facing businesses are explored. Skills: Problem solving, communication, critical thinking, creativity.
Yr 11 HT5	Making financial decisions	Understand the tools a business has to support financial decision making, including ratio analysis and the use and limitation of a range of financial information. Skills: Quantitative/numerical