

### KS3 Curriculum Information

Business Studies is not currently offered at Key Stage 3 as an option for study.

### KS4 Curriculum Information

Students currently study a BTEC in Business Studies. The Pearson Edexcel Level 1/ Level 2 BTEC in Business includes a Finance examination that is computer based and externally assessed. Students also complete three pieces of coursework alongside this examination. In the business sector, learners would be aiming to move into entry-level roles, such as assistants in business administration, marketing, finance, human resources, sales and customer service.

#### Year 10

Enterprise in the Business World *compulsory coursework (25%)*

Finance for Business compulsory examination (25%)

#### Year 11

Introducing Retail Business *coursework (25%)*

Recruitment, Selection and Employment *coursework (25%)*

The Finance examination will consist of calculations, multiple-choice, short-answer and extended-writing questions.

Questions will be based on subject knowledge of Finance and Accounting in addition to business contexts introduced in the examination.

### KS5 Curriculum Information

#### Year 12

Students currently study the OCR Business Technical Cambridge 2016 Specification. The OCR Technical course is very similar to the Business A-level, whereby students will learn about budgeting and financial stability. Students will also understand the legal, financial, ethical and resource constraints under which a business must operate and how these can affect business behaviour. They will explore ways in which businesses respond to changes in their economic, social and technological environment, and the necessity for a business to plan. Students will also appreciate the influence different stakeholders can have on a business, and how to assess business performance. Business Studies opens up a variety of career opportunities and also for further study at college or university.

### **Extra-Curricular Opportunities**

The Business Studies team currently offer exam revision booster sessions and plan to reintroduce Young Enterprise in September 2019 for GCSE students.

### **Key Trips**

Year 12 students will visit a local business to support their coursework unit.

### **Ways Families can Help Support**

Revision guides are available for students to purchase to support their learning and textbooks are also available to loan from the school. Additional reading, for example reading a quality newspaper such as The Times, Guardian etc. is highly recommended. Watching the BBC news/ Channel 4 news every day is also crucial to develop an understanding of current developments.

### **Any Other Information**

Students in KS5 are required to upkeep high quality files for their notes at all times and to complete additional reading in their independent study time.