

"Business has benefited me a lot. I have grown in confidence to start a business myself one day. Choosing a business has allowed me to learn many beneficial skills as well as improving my personal effectiveness."

Aaron Heald

Business

Why study Business?

The OCR A Level in Business will encourage learners to be inspired, motivated and challenged by following a broad, coherent, practical, satisfying and worthwhile course of study. It provides insight into and experience of how businesses work, stimulating learners' curiosity and encouraging them to engage with commerce in their everyday lives and to make informed choices about further study and about career choices. Each component includes synoptic assessment, so learners will have a holistic learning experience and be able to apply concepts to different situations. This course is also suitable for learners who enjoy coursework as 3 units out of 5 are coursework.

Entry requirements

Securing a C grade at GCSE in English, Science and Mathematics will guarantee your place on this course. Grades lower in these subjects may be accepted following consultation with the Head of Department or Head of Sixth Form

GCSE/BTEC in business is not an entry requirement.

Course details and assessment format

The OCR Cambridge Technicals Level 3 Business Extended Certificate course consists of five units, two of which, Unit 1 and Unit 4, are studied in the first year of the certificate and the other three, Unit 2 and another 2 units, to be decided upon, in the second year as the Extended Certificate.

The Certificate units:

Unit 1 – THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT – Written Examination: 2 hours

Unit 4 – CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNICATION – **Coursework**

The Extended Certificate units: (the above and a further 3 units)

Unit 2 – WORKING IN BUSINESS

– Written Examination: 1 hour 30 minutes

Unit 8 – Introduction to human resources – **Coursework**

Unit 11 – Accounting concepts – **Coursework**

Skills which are developed and possible progression

Many universities recognise the value of a business qualification. Learners could then go on to a career in law, business or Finance. Business and Management graduates typically progress to careers in areas such as business development, marketing, recruitment and banking, although plenty of other options are available.

