

# Business & Studies & Economics



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The Business Studies and Economics department is a successful department that offers a Business and Economics curriculum to students in Key Stages 4 and Post 16. We currently offer a range of courses to meet the different needs of students within the Academy. These courses currently include, GCSE Business Studies, A-Level Economics, A-level Business Studies and BTEC Level 3 National in Business. The number of students opting for Business at KS4 has increased rapidly in the past five years and at Post 16 the Business and Economics curriculum has become a popular choice for students.

Since September 2012 the Academy introduced a 3-year Key Stage 4 programme whereby students start their GCSE in Year 9 and complete at the end of Year 10 with Year 11 providing the opportunity for students to take further different intensive courses or commence some of their A level courses.

Within the department there is an emphasis on high expectations in terms of teaching, learning and also behaviour. Mainly this is achieved through careful planning, preparation and delivery of lessons that encompass a wide variety of teaching styles.

The accommodation for Business and Economics is equipped with two whiteboards, 1 interactive whiteboard, a PC and a visualiser; there is also a dedicated laptop trolley for the department, as well as other IT facilities.

The department is generously resourced and budgetary allocation is linked through the departmental section of the on-line Academy Improvement Plan. Furthermore, the Academy is an Investor in People and there is a high level of investment in the professional development of staff. This enables the department to benefit from the very latest teaching and learning strategies, as well as affording teachers the courses for the skills and expertise they seek to develop.

As a department we are committed to increasing the provision of electronic resources available to both staff and students. To enhance both teaching and learning we encourage the use of the Academy VLE at home. We feel it is important that students gain practical skills for the modern business world as well as learning the theory and this is one of the ways of enhancing these skills.

As part of the department's commitment to enterprise education we have set up links with other departments to implement student led projects. Initiatives such as these help the Business and Economics students to acquire transferable skills, which are essential in the workplace and as they continue their education.