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Business and Economics Departmental Overview

The current Business and Economics Department at Hanley is staffed with three subject specialists and a second subject member of staff. Business Studies, Travel and Tourism and Economics are extremely popular subjects at the school. The department continues to flourish and experience growth, with large numbers of students choosing our subjects at GCSE, NCFE Level Two, A- Level and BTEC Level Three. This is testament to the variety of courses on offer and the strong levels of achievement our pupils have gained.

With regard to Level Two qualifications the department offers the Edexcel GCSE specification and the NCFE Technical Award in Enterprise. Our Sixth Form offer includes the BTEC Level Three Extended Certificate in Business, AQA A-Level Business, BTEC Level Three Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism and OCR A-Level Economics. Academic and vocational results continue to be a strength of the department. Students who follow our courses have been successful in securing prestigious apprenticeships or have gone on to study Economics or Business based courses at University.

The department is well resourced with three dedicated Business, Travel and Economics classrooms situated in the new Sixth Form build at the school. The classrooms both have interactive whiteboards and a wide array of teaching resources. Students following our courses have regular access to both ICT suites and laptops across the school.

Our next challenge is to continue to bring the world of Business and Economics into school through forming stronger links with business leaders. The new NCFE Technical Award in Enterprise in particular, thrives on relevant and real-world examples and our increased pupil numbers has brought the need for a greater diversity of ideas. The department has been highly successful in external competitions, including winning the CIPFA Sixth Form Management Games. We have a strong ethos of developing student employability skills, so regularly support whole-school Enterprise and Careers based initiatives and we are currently looking to further extend our offering of extra-curricular activities in the department.

We are a hard-working and passionate team of people, who look to engage every student we teach. Our aim is to help them develop a genuine interest in our dynamic and ever changing subject. We hope to inspire our students to go onto further study or future careers in our area.

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