**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT**

The Business Department comprises a team with high calibre, committed and forward looking specialists who have a passion for learning and high expectations for all students. They deliver a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum at KS4 and KS5. The department is led by a dedicated Head of Department and is part of the Social and Economic Studies Faculty. The Business Department is part of the Social and Economic Studies Faculty which also includes the subjects: Citizenship, Child Development and Care, Economics, Law, Psychology and Sociology; with 11 specialist teachers.

All classrooms in the department are equipped with a commercial 4K display, visualiser, teacher PCs and class set of mini whiteboards. The faculty has access to a class set of Chromebooks which the department is able to use for scheduled lessons through an online booking system. All teachers in the school are provided with a Chromebook.

Business is a popular choice at GCSE with 470 students opting for the subject this academic year across year 9 to 11. GCSE Business has a history of sustained high levels of achievement. We have a thriving uptake of students studying Business. Year 9 marks the beginning of our KS4 journey. This additional year allows us to develop sound knowledge, skills and enthusiasm for the subject. Students in Year 9 to 11 are timetabled for three lessons of fifty minutes every week. Students follow the Edexcel GCSE 1BS0 course and complete two external exams at the end of Year 11.

We currently have four classes across A Level Business. Students follow the Edexcel specification comprising four themes and are timetabled for six lessons of fifty minutes every week. Expectations at A Level are high and we continue in our endeavour to maintain outstanding outcomes. In 2022/23, we achieved an ALPS of 2, with 70.7% of students achieving A\* - B.

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