



THE CHARLES DICKENS SCHOOL BUSINESS STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Facilities

Business Studies is situated across two spacious classrooms in the heart of the school which both seat up to 30 pupils at a time. The classrooms both contain two laptop banks containing enough laptops so that pupils can complete coursework tasks independently. Each classroom is equipped with the latest SMART interactive whiteboard and additional dry wipe boards to support learning.

Homework is set via Showmyhomework a web-based application to improve communication with home and marked regularly and all pupils have information on how assessments are made.

Key Stage 4

Business Studies is a consistently very popular option subject at KS4, with yearly cohorts of around 90 pupils. The BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise (Level1/2) course is delivered over three years with five lessons a fortnight in Years 9, 10 and 11. The curriculum is designed so that the content delivery and completion of internal assessments can be systematic and effective. In Year 9, pupils work to complete the Component 1 – Exploring Enterprise internal assessment. In Year 10, pupils work to complete the Component 2 – Planning for and Pitching an Enterprise Activity internal assessment. Finally in Year 11, pupils focus on completing the Component 3 – Promotion and Finance for Enterprise externally assessed examination.

Beyond The Curriculum

The Business Department has strong links to the Broadstairs Business Club and other local enterprises that are willing to offer their time and expertise to assist in academic or extra-curricular activities. The department has previously run a variety of extra-curricular activities such as The Enterprise Club which works across year groups to plan, organise, and operate entrepreneurial ventures within the school to raise money for selected charities.

Staffing

There are two teachers of Business Studies (including the Curriculum Leader).