

BARTON COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL – BUSINESS STUDIES

Facilities

The department uses teaching rooms dedicated to BTEC studies, which are fully equipped with modern ICT facilities and interactive whiteboards. In lessons, students are able to use either school computers or their own devices, which they can connect to the school network/internet. For units where computers are not required for research or assignment purposes, the traditional teaching room is used, equipped with up-to-date textbooks and an interactive whiteboard.

Key Stage 5

In the Sixth Form, business is delivered via the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business, although is open to receive recommendation from the Curriculum Lead regarding re-introducing an A Level course. At present, this 2-year BTEC Level 3 qualification was introduced in September 2018 and has proved to be a very popular choice amongst students. The Extended Certificate is comprised of 4 units: Unit 1 Exploring Business, Unit 2 Developing a Marketing Campaign, Unit 3 Personal and Business Finance, and Unit 8 Recruitment and Selection Process. Class sizes vary, but these are usually between 15-25 students. There are currently 2 classes of business BTEC students in Year 12 and Year 13.

Beyond the Curriculum

The Business Studies Department runs a number of extra-curricular activities including participating in the Kent Business challenge annually. The department often works alongside the Computing, Mathematics and Design Technology departments in delivering Enrichment Days activities (when required). It also takes students on occasional business-related trips. The Young Enterprise Scheme has been very successful in the past.

Staffing

The Business Studies Department is currently staffed by the Lead Teacher for Business.