BUSINESS STUDIES

**OUR VISION FOR OUTSTANDING LEARNING**

We aim to develop students who:

* have a good understanding of the fundamental concepts of business studies;
* take a keen interest in news and current affairs;
* develop a keen appreciation of the role of business in everyday lives;
* develop as effective, independent learners and as critical, reflective thinkers with enquiring minds;
* go out into the dynamic business world with the attributes necessary to be successful global citizens, employers and leaders.

As teachers we aim to:

* provide students with a practical and theoretical understanding of business;
* engender an entrepreneurial culture whereby students can identify and implement business opportunities and develop their employability skills;
* set challenging targets for students and support them in achieving their objectives;
* use assessment for learning strategies to identify student progress and give effective feedback that allows further progress to be made;
* model a growth mind-set, by providing a supportive environment in which students can flourish in their understanding of business studies and become confident independent learners;
* differentiate our teaching and learning strategies to ensure the level of challenge is high for aspiring Oxbridge students, with scaffold and support available for students who need it.

**THE BUSINESS CURRICULUM AREA**

The Curriculum Area consists of talented and enthusiastic teachers who take a collegiate approach to the writing of schemes of work and resources. Colleagues are generous with the support they give to each other and to the wider life of the school.

**THE BUSINESS CURRICULUM**

**Key Stage 4**

Business Studies is a very popular subject at Key Stage 4 and students enjoy a range of resources and facilities to support them in their learning experiences. Walton High operates a three-year Key Stage 4 so students begin their study in Year 9. The course currently studied at Key Stage 4 is following the AQA specification.

**Post-16**

Business Studies is an established and very popular subject at A level. Students currently study the AQA syllabus Paper 1 – multiple choice, short answer questions and essay questions; Paper 2 – data response questions and Paper 3 – case study questions.

We also deliver the Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business in which students take eight units over the course of two years. Assessment involves five internally assessed units, one exam and two externally set tasks.

**ENRICHMENT** Staff make a valuable contribution to enrichment activities, such as session 9 (after school) activities, including Young Enterprise, Student Investor Challenge, £5 challenge and Business GCSE/A Level support sessions. Advanced Learning Days have previously involved taking a trip to visit Jaguar & Land Rover, Cadbury’s World and the Bank of England. We also have plans to introduce more visits in the near future.

**FACILITIES TO SUPPORT OUTSTANDING LEARNING**

The Curriculum Area works out of suites of fully equipped, modern classrooms. Each room has an interactive panel and PC while all staff are provided with iPads for their use.

**We also provide:**

* a positive, innovative learning culture supported by students, staff, parents and governors;
* enthusiastic students who are willing to learn and who conduct themselves well in and around the school;
* a professional, hardworking and supportive team of staff with the capacity and commitment to raise student achievement even further;
* a structured induction programme, ECT support and opportunities for high quality CPD.

We are looking for a well-qualified specialist teacher with high expectations of students. The successful candidate must be one who is able to inspire in students an enthusiasm for learning and who is keen to continually develop their own knowledge.

If you relish the opportunity to work with highly motivated students and staff in a supportive and stimulating professional environment, Walton High would welcome your application.