

**Kingsmead School**

**Business Studies Department**

The Business Studies department is part of the very successful Open faculty. Business Studies have gained excellent results year on year in both key stages over the last five years. There is a 100% pass rate currently in KS5. The department aims to focus on all students, respecting their different approaches to learning. Students are supported and motivated to achieve their full potential. Teaching concentrates on different approaches and incorporate different activities to ensure all learning styles are catered for. Students ensure that they take pride in their work and maximise their learning, by working with others. Our lessons are structured with the students being our priority and allowing them to achieve beyond expectations.

***As a department we aim to:***

* Encourage and help all individuals to reach their full potential and feel proud in their achievements.
* Encouraging independent learning, preparing students for assignments and equip them with personal transferable skills, for later life.
* Consistently monitor students’ progress to ensure they are remaining on target to achieve their full potential.
* Ensure the classroom environment is conducive to learning and that students feel safe and secure within that environment.
* Develop and disseminate good practice through regular departmental meetings and Learning Walks. Supporting each other and aiming to remove variance across the department area.
* Strengthen the links with the MAT and bring in guest speakers from the workplace to link learning to the wider world and opportunities on offer.

Students should be:

* Engaged in learning, through quality teaching and being taught by specialist teachers.
* Achieving their potential, through monitoring, and appropriate feedback.
* Learning within a safe and healthy environment.
* Respecting the rights, culture and beliefs of others.
* Taught to understand the importance of the skills they obtain and how these contribute to lifelong learning.

**The Curriculum**

The curriculum is taught across Key stages 4 and 5.

**Key Stage 4 Curriculum**

Edexcel GCSE– Business

There are 2 Themes which make up this qualification:

Theme 1- Investigating a small business

Theme 2 – Building a business

Students who complete this qualification have a range of academic abilities. We currently have a 100% pass rate for this subject.

**Key Stage 5**

We currently offer students the following qualifications:

Edexcel A-Level Business which consists of four units as detailed below

* Theme 1 – Marketing and People
* Theme 2 -Managing Business Activities
* Theme 3- Business Decisions and Strategy
* Theme 4 -Global Business

OCR Cambridge Technicals Single Award consists of 5 units

* Unit 1 – The business environment
* Unit 2 – Working in business
* Unit 4 – Customers & Communication
* Unit 11 – Accounting concepts
* Unit 16 – Principles of project management

Both courses are well established in the school, with a strong history of results, particularly in the Cambridge Technical qualification.