



Business Department Information



Business is a thriving department with courses at both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5. The department is small, friendly and enthusiastic, and has a shared office with Languages. The majority of our post-16 learners elect to study at Northgate having previously attended other secondary schools across south Suffolk, meaning there is a positive mix of students from different backgrounds attending Northgate.

The department currently runs the following courses:

- A Level Business (AQA)
- GCSE Business (EDEXCEL)
- GCSE Economics (OCR)

Lessons that are dynamic and seek to actively engage students in their own learning have led to very good academic achievement and a significant increase in student recruitment in recent years. The department now boasts a large GCSE and A-level cohort. There is an emphasis on teaching and learning excellence throughout the school, with an active Teaching and Learning Group supporting further developments in this area. Both at A level and GCSE teachers seek to implement engaging teaching and learning strategies in lessons throughout the year, with a strong emphasis on our 5Rs.

Northgate benefits from modern facilities, with GCSE Business and A-level Business both having access to IT facilities. Sixth Form lessons are taught within the purpose built Sixth Form Centre where there is a range of resources available and good IT facilities. The department openly shares a current and well maintained bank of digital materials, which are easily accessed by staff and students. All lessons and resources are planned and provided. The team offer support workshops for students where required and are always open to offering a range of visits and competitions for students to take part in. The department, alongside the Economics team, work on a number of cross curriculum enterprise initiatives, including Young Enterprise.