

The Business Studies and Economics Department

Staff

The Business and Economics Department at Stretford Grammar School is a committed and successful team, who enjoy motivating students to achieve. The curriculum team comprises of two teachers who deliver GCSE Business and A Levels in Economics and Business. Business and Economics are relevant to the real-world issues we face today, therefore the curriculum allows students to explore contemporary business and economics issues of the day, including Brexit and inflation. Students develop a broad range of skills including analytical skills, communication, problem solving, critical thinking skills and leadership skills. Students succeed through highly supportive learning environment where skills and talents are nurtured and developed

Curriculum

In Business and Economics students study the relevant theories, apply their knowledge to real-world situations, analyse case studies and have enrichment opportunities including guest speakers from the world of business, economics and politics. The curriculum provides students with the skills and knowledge to pursue courses and careers in business, accountancy, finance, banking and insurance.

At GCSE, students follow the AQA subject specification for GCSE Business. They have five periods over a fortnight taught as both single and double lessons. At A Level, students follow the AQA subject specification for Business and AQA specification for Economics. They have eight periods over a fortnight taught as both single and double lessons.

Results

At GCSE Business in 2021, 100% achieved Grades 9-4, 97% Grades 9-5 and 63% Grades 9-7.

At A Level Economics in 2021, 40% achieved A*/A and 80% achieved A* to B.

Enrichment

The Department is keen to involve students in competitions and enrichment opportunities. These include a JCB factory visit to explore production, automation and business growth. The Investment Challenge at Manchester University enables students to gain a better understanding of the financial markets and trading shares. Guest speakers from The Bank of England and the Institute for Fiscal Studies provide students in Year 11, 12 and 13 with a fascinating insight into the workings of The Bank of England and the challenges facing the UK economy.