



## Business Studies/Economics/Media Department

The Business Studies/Economics/Media department is currently made up of three full time teachers. Two are business and economics specialists, and 1 teacher is a media specialist.

Business/Economics is a successful department characterised by strong team-work and excellent working relationships. Everyone contributes to the work of the department by developing resources and materials. Continuing professional development is integral. Our staff have the opportunity to train aspiring Business/Economics/Media teachers through our SCITT. We can guarantee that the successful applicant, irrespective of their experience, will be offered every opportunity to extend their professional development throughout Blue Coat.

The business and economics department is located in a new, purpose built, suite of classrooms. Teachers have their own classrooms and there is a Business/Economics department workroom shared with the Social Science Team. All classrooms have an interactive whiteboard.

The department is at the forefront of the school's development and use of SharePoint and MS Teams. This is an integral part of curriculum content management, assessment, and enrichment. Most work set is uploaded and marked online, with students benefiting significantly from progress tracking via the grade book feature and assignments in the Class Notebook. This is an ongoing development within the department.

Business/economics/media is a forward-looking department of dedicated professionals who seek to inspire and enthuse students to enjoy the subjects, both in class and beyond, whilst encouraging and contributing to their cultural and personal development.

The examination board is AQA for both GCSE and A-level. The results for both are strong:

Key Stage 4	9 to 7			9 to 5			9 to 4		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Business	48%	22%	35%	71%	78%	78%	95%	89%	85%

Key Stage 5	A*-A			A*-B			A*-E		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Business	10%	7%	28%	48%	33%	59%	98%	100%	100%
Economics	20%	15%	26%	67%	60%	48%	100%	100%	100%