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Wootton Upper School and Kimberley 16 - 19 College (in the nearby village of Stewartby), are both operated by Wootton Academy Trust [WAT]. The two institutions are 3 miles apart and linked by a shuttle bus.

WAT is ambitious and its vision is to provide outstanding education in all of its component parts.

Wootton Upper School, with 900 pupils across Years 9 -11, was rated good by Ofsted in November 2017. Results across the core subjects are very high. Progress 8 was 0.13 in 2017; 0.26 in 2018 and 0.2 in 2019.

Most of our students come from two local middle schools.

Kimberley 16 - 19 College has 650 students. In September 2021 this will rise to 700. Around 175 pupils in each year group join the College from Wootton Upper School; the rest join from other local schools.

Kimberley is rated as good by Ofsted with outstanding for Personal Development, Behaviour and Well-being. The College has regularly featured in the Sunday Times list of the top Sixth Form Colleges in the UK based on the proportion of students getting 2As and 1B or better in facilitating subjects. In 2019 Kimberley College was ranked as the 14th highest Sixth Form College in the UK.

Business, Economics & Finance Department

Business, Economics and Finance qualifications are very popular subjects; the department has enjoyed marked success over many years.

KS4 teaching is based at Wootton Upper School where GCSE Business is taught; it is a very popular option. At Kimberley College A Level Economics, A Level Business Studies, BTEC Business and LIBF Level 3 Finance [Certificate and Diploma] are taught. All of the team is supportive, enthusiastic and hard-working with the primary aim of bringing the business world into the classroom.

We have very high aspirations for our students. The department endeavours to provide students with extra-curricular opportunities and links to the workplace with COVID this has proved to be very difficult for the last two years. This year has seen the formation of enterprise leaders at Wootton Upper with the responsibility for promoting and developing enterprise across the Trust. The department also runs successful trips to the Milton Keynes Apprenticeships Fair and Tutor2u grade booster workshops for A Level and BTEC students. In addition, the department takes full advantage of local business leaders and has benefited from some excellent guest speakers. The department is very keen to develop further links and provide even more opportunities for students to develop their business skills.

The Department is led by a charismatic Subject Leader who is passionate about the outcomes for all learners; she leads by example and is always willing to go the extra-mile for every individual. In addition, there are four other teachers in the department.

If you would like any further information on our Business, Economics and Finance department, please contact recruitment@wootton.beds.sch.uk.