

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS - Option

Examination Board: EDEXCEL

Syllabus Content:

This is a combined course in Business and Economics. The two disciplines are tested individually, with elements integrated in each year. The benefits are that the intellectual and theoretical rigour of economics is applied to the practical nature of business thus allowing the application of theory to business, and access to the study of the practical use of economics.

Students will study:

- The main challenges to the creation and running of a small business
- Enterprise skills
- The economic aspects on a small and large scale; within the local, national and international arenas
- The effects of competition
- The determination of price and its effects
- The independent behaviour of individuals, groups, organisations and governments within the local, national and international context

The course takes an active investigation approach, which means that you will analyse many different case studies and answer detailed questions on them. You will be expected to take a view on any findings you come up with and say what you think. During the course of your studies it will be likely that you will interview people involved in business and undertake significant primary and secondary research. Independence of learning will be also a key skills area that you will demonstrate in order to succeed.

Assessment:

Assessment in **Year 10** comprises Unit 1, a multiple choice and objective test questions and Unit 2, a controlled assessment task. Students use the content of Unit 1 to research, analyse and evaluate a task on enterprise issues. The Year 10 assessments lead to a half GCSE at the end of Year 10.

In **Year 11** the assessment is by an examination comprising a mixture of multiple choice, short and extended answers and data response questions.

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