

Y10 Parents Information Evening – AQA GCSE (9-1) Business Studies

Exam dates:

There are no GCSE exams or modules in Year 10. This is because the whole course is now assessed terminally at the end of Year 11. At the end of Year 11 students will sit two one hour 45 minute examinations each out of 90 marks. Each paper has three sections:

Section A: multiple choice questions and short answer questions worth 20 marks

Section B: a short case study with questions worth approximately 34 marks

Section C: a short case study with questions worth approximately 36 marks

However, all students will complete a 1 hour internal examination towards the end of Year 10. This will be similar in style to one of the GCSE examinations and will be graded just like the real GCSE examination. This will allow staff and students to assess progress to date and whether the student is on track to hit their target grade for GCSE.

Course Content Year 10:

In Year 10 students cover the following areas of the specification:

- 1 **Business** Operations – production processes, the role of procurement, the concept of quality and good customer service
- 2 Human Resources – organisational structures, recruitment and selection of employees, motivating employees and training
- 3 Influences on Businesses – technology, ethical and environmental considerations, the economic climate of business, globalisation, legislation and the competitive environment

Skills developed in Year 10:

Students will develop their knowledge and understanding and apply it to different business contexts ranging from small enterprises to large multinationals and businesses operating in local, national and global contexts. Students will develop an understanding of how these contexts impact on business behaviour.

Students will apply their knowledge and understanding to business decision making including: The interdependent nature of business activity and how different business contexts affect business decisions. This includes the use and limitations of quantitative and qualitative data in making business decisions.

In addition the specification requires students to draw on their knowledge and understanding to:

use business terminology to identify and explain business activity

apply business concepts to familiar and unfamiliar contexts

develop problem solving and decision making skills relevant to business

investigate, analyse and evaluate business opportunities and issues

make justified decisions using both qualitative and quantitative data including its selection, interpretation, analysis and evaluation, and the application of appropriate quantitative skills.

Revision/support classes available:

Monday and Tuesday nights for GCSE booster classes. Other nights and Friday 2.00-3.00pm can also be arranged if students wish.

Recommended reading/revision material:

AQA GCSE (9-1) Business published by Hodder Education (ISBN 9781471899386).

Any of the revision guides are useful providing they meet the new 2017 AQA specification.

The full specification, specimen practice papers and mark schemes can be downloaded from

www.aqa.org.uk – just follow the links once you have selected Business subjects.

Useful websites:

tutor2u.net – revision notes and up to date articles and news stories

BBC bitesize – revision notes and practice activities

Revisionworld – revision games and quizzes

Please note that at present many of these sites contain material for the old specification. Some of this is still relevant but not all of it. Over time new and up to date material will begin to appear.

Other information:

Students will participate in the Stock Market Challenge in November. This is a one day event held in school. Students will compete in teams with a cash prize for the winners.