

The Business, Economics and Vocational Team Business and Computing Faculty

This an enthusiastic and vibrant team with six staff delivering a large range of academic and vocational courses covering Business, Economics and Travel across Key Stages 4 and 5. The Business, Economics and vocational team is part of a larger Business and Computing Faculty, offering GCSE and A Level Computer Science as well as Creative iMedia at KS4. We put our passion for our subjects at the heart of all our teaching and aim to instil and share our enthusiasm with all students we teach.

Continuing professional development of teachers is fully embedded within the faculty. The varied nature of the faculty ensures there are a wide range of opportunities available for all staff to develop their practice and further their careers. We are a member of the Pavilion and Downs Teaching School Alliance with the team undertaking opportunities to further enhance their professional development.

At Key Stage 4, students are able to opt for GCSE Business Studies (Edexcel) or GCSE Economics (OCR). Business is a popular option which sees four classes taught from Y9 to Y11. BTEC Travel and Business is also available for KS4 students.

Post-16 courses delivered by the team are also very popular. At Level 3, A Level courses in Business (OCR) and Economics (AQA) are offered. BTEC Business L3 is also a popular course at KS5.

Our results at GCSE and A Level have been consistently good, demonstrating the strength and experience of the teaching within the team.

All students are encouraged to take part in school visits and activities. Locally these have included business visits to companies and tourism visits to attractions. There have also been longer distance visits to Disneyland Paris and to Prague. The team strives to integrate the world of work into all aspects of the curriculum. Participation in the Young Enterprise Company programme provides a valuable insight into the business world.

The team is based at the Upper School site in Shooting Field in a large well resourced and air conditioned area. This includes a large ICT room and a mobile set of wireless laptops and Chromebooks that is used in conjunction with the interactive whiteboards in all area classrooms. Teachers are trained in all aspects of their ICT and are given either an iPad or Chromebook. We have a subject staffroom where we foster a welcoming and supportive atmosphere. The team are social and there are regular organised night outs and meals throughout the year.

The Business Team is dynamic and forward thinking; it is keen to take on the challenges of the Key Stage 4 and 5 curriculum developments. This post therefore offers the successful applicant a wide range of experience at the forefront of curriculum developments.