

Course titles:	GCSE Full Course Business Studies
Syllabus number:	4133
Final exam percentage:	75%
Number of final exams:	2
Coursework percentage:	25%
Coursework requirements:	One assignment of approximately 2000 words

Grades Available

Grades A* - G

There are no tiered papers in GCSE Business

Year 9—Brief Course Description

Year 9 Business and Economics Basics Course

- A foundation programme covering essential business and economic concepts, with opportunities for the development of the skills required for success at GCSE level. This will be achieved through the study of a number of key topics.

Business/Economic Investigations

- An investigation into the development of a major UK business from start-up to current size
- A study of how government decisions affect firms and consumers

Year 10—Brief Course Description

GCSE Unit 1 – Setting up a Business – this unit of work focuses on the setting up and operation of a business. It explores the activities of business and the reasons for its success or failure. It explores the different perspectives of stakeholders and the impact they have on business decisions.

Year 11—Brief Course Description

GCSE Unit 2 – Growing as a Business – this unit builds upon the content of Unit 1, allowing candidates to study businesses as they grow and the issues that expansion raises. Students will study five key topic areas: business organisation, marketing, finance, operations management and people in business.

Unit 1 - Externally assessed examination containing mostly short answer but some extended answer and scenario-based questions to be taken in Year 11.

(total 60 marks) – 1 hour paper – 40% of GCSE

Unit 2 - Externally assessed examination comprising a combination of short and extended answer, data response and scenario-based questions

(total 60 marks) – 1 hour paper – 35% of GCSE

Unit 3 – Investigating Business – this unit gets students researching and investigating a business topic. Students spend time carrying out research into the chosen topic and then write this up over a two week period.

Internally assessed research task based on an assignment set externally by AQA.

(total 40 marks) 25% of GCSE

Additional Information

- Weekly homework tasks will include data response questions, research into various aspects of existing businesses and opportunities to review and reinforce understanding of topics covered in class
- For the internally-assessed research task in Year 11, students may conduct research outside of school time. The assignment will be produced on school computers under controlled conditions
- Students will be given step-by-step guidance on answering examination questions

Progression (including possible career routes)

Linked post-16 courses: AS/A2 level Business, AS/A2 level Economics

Possible careers: Business Studies students can choose from a wide range of career options, including working in finance, retail, marketing, advertising, human resources and operations management.

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