

# Business and Economics Department

The Business and Economics department consists of three experienced specialists led by a Curriculum Leader who works with a Leadership Link (member of the Leadership Team). All members of the team contribute to the department and support each other in all aspects of teaching and learning.

Business proves to be an extremely popular choice for students at both GCSE and A Level with Economics similarly generating good number of students opting to study the subject. Exam results at both GCSE and A Level rank within the top performing departments within the school with students going on to study a range of Business and Economics based degree subjects.

## Resources and Location

The department is located in two specialist classrooms, with interactive whiteboards and a suite of computers. Class sets of textbooks are available for A Level classes as well as a range of other teaching resources for staff to use.

## Business and Economics Curriculum

In Key Stage 4 at Year 9, students who have opted to study Business complete a GCSE skills year covering the main skills required for the GCSE course. At Year 10 and 11 the department follows the Edexcel GCSE Business specification, which includes:

- **Theme 1: Investigating Small Business:** This includes a focus on small and medium sized businesses.
- **Theme 2: Building a Business:** This focuses on growing businesses and multinational corporations.

At Key Stage 5 the department offers two discrete A Level courses, both following the AQA specification:

- **A Level Business:** This includes a focus on the 4 functional areas of business as well as internal and external influences.
- **A Level Economics:** This includes units on Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and a synoptic unit considering all aspects of the course.

The department continues to develop the important role of Enterprise within the school, running enterprise days and participating in a range of competitions. There is also an Enterprise course running as part of a skills programme of activities in Year 9 aimed a planning and running a charitable event.

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