

AQA A Level in Business Studies

Aims of the course

Students will study business in a variety of contexts such as large and small, UK focused and global and service and manufacturing. The course will give students the opportunity to consider 'What is business?' They will also study the impact of managers, leadership and decision making as well as investigating the marketing, operational, financial and human resource performance of business. The study of strategic decision making will build on this as a function area, and is a key skill which is developed during the A Level course. The A Level course is assessed by three external exam papers worth 33.3% each.

What is the outline of the course content:

There are 3 exam papers lasting 2 hours which cover the following topics:

1 What is business? 2 Managers, leadership and decision making 3 Marketing management 4 Operational management 5 Financial management 6 Human resource management 7 Analysing the strategic position of a business 8 Choosing strategic direction 9 Strategic methods: how to pursue strategies 10 Managing strategic change

What skills will I learn?

Business will develop your knowledge and skills needed to analyse data, think critically about business and financial issues. You will also learn and be given opportunity to further improve your important communication and teamworking skills.

What Careers can Business Studies lead to?

Business Studies students are well prepared to continue further studies in Business at University.

During the A Level, team building, presentation, data analysis, problem solving and research skills will be developed which are qualities valued by both Universities and employers. Historically, courses in Business, Finance and Economics are the most popular destination for Arnold Hill leavers.

Further information from the Exam Board:

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Previous grades

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	Total
2024	-	1	7	6	2	-	16
2023	1	-	6	7	3	1	18
2022	4	4	5	7	2	2	24

What are the entry requirements for the course?

Students must have at least a grade 5 in GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics.

Want more information?

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