



Business Studies

One year AS/Two year A level.

This subject provides students with a sound grasp of what business organisations are, the aims that they seek to achieve, how they organise themselves into different functional areas or departments and what factors have an impact on their success.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. There is no requirement to have previously studied GCSE Business Studies, but grade C in GCSE English and Mathematics are required. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject.

This subject will focus on:

- planning and financing a business;
- managing a business;
- strategies for success; and
- the business environment and managing change.

You can expect to:

- develop a range of business related skills including decision making, problem solving, analysis and evaluation of business situations;
- develop a wider knowledge of real business situations and be able to apply this to the theoretical framework underpinning the course;
- work in groups on different simulated activities related to business;
- develop effective written and numerical communication skills which are essential in all business organisations; and
- attend a range of business related trips including to real businesses as well as external revision conferences.

Methods of assessment:

Assessment is by examination.

Progression:

Many Business Studies students either progress onto business related courses at university or use their skills to gain employment in a range of different business related opportunities.

Other information:

Business Studies can be undertaken in combination with either Accounting or Economics. A range of optional trip opportunities will require some course costs to be met by the students.

Student Success at Havering Sixth Form College:

Dan Breyer (ex Abbs Cross) gained 100% in his A2 Business Studies Unit 3 as well as winning the AS AQA Revision Challenge in 2009. Dan plans to study Economics at Leicester University.

A Level Business Studies has had a 99% pass rate for the past two years.