

Business Studies

GCSE
Edexcel

Syllabus details

The **Edexcel** 2BS01 syllabus is followed.

What does the course include?

This one year course brings together the different aspects of Business Studies. You will take an active approach in solving everyday business problems which occur in the real world. You will learn about business through a series of investigations.

Will I enjoy this course?

You will enjoy this course if you want to study a subject that:

- Is relevant to the world you live in and to your future.
- Encourages you to discuss current affairs and issues.
- Focuses on the world of business and economics.
- Involves working on a coursework portfolio.
- Is studied through investigation, not just listening and reading.
- Develops a full range of skills that will be useful in other subjects you study and in employment.

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

You will need to be organised so that you meet the assignment deadlines and keep up with your work. You should be able to work on your own or with others in groups. Most importantly you must have a real interest in business and be prepared to work hard.

What are the entry requirements?

There are no entry requirements, but students are expected to have an interest in Business and a good command of English

How will I learn?

The course will be divided between two teachers. There are three units to be completed.

Unit 1: Introduction to Small Business

This will be assessed by an external exam lasting 45 minutes in June. The exam is worth 25% of the final mark and will consist of multiple choice and objective test questions.

Unit 2: Investigating Small Business

This will be assessed internally in controlled conditions towards the end of the course and will last no longer than 9 hours. The exam is worth 25% of the final mark and will consist of multiple choice and objective test questions.

The assessment will involve students completing a task set by Edexcel which involves research, investigation, analysis and evaluation.

Unit 3: Building a Business

This will be assessed by an external exam lasting 90 minutes in June. The exam is worth 50% of the final mark and will consist of multiple choice, short and extended answer, data response, and scenario based questions.

What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

Students completing this course successfully go on to take the AS in either Business or Economics.