

A LEVEL BUSINESS/ECONOMICS FAQs

Q: Do I need to have studied Business or Economics before?

Absolutely not! The Business course assumes no prior knowledge and covers everything from the basics to the more advanced management topics. The school does not offer GCSE Economics so it is a level playing field.

Q: Is there any coursework in A-Level Business/Economics?

No, the marks that go towards your final grade all come from the 3 exams at the end of the second year, there is no coursework or controlled assessment in this course. That does mean you have a full two years to learn the content and get to grips with the exam technique though!

Q: Is there loads of Maths involved?

Yes, there is a Maths element to both courses. There are equations that you will need to learn and use to help assess how well a business is performing and of course, finance is a major part of Business so you will have to use Maths skills here too. The Economics course requires a level of competency in Maths especially if you plan to study it further at undergraduate level.

Q: How can I get help when I need it?

We run lunchtime subject support sessions, which act as drop in sessions for you to come and get additional help outside of lessons. It might be you want some help with a bit of homework, you want to clarify something you missed when you were ill or you just want to go over a topic again and get some more practice in. It might be for 5 minutes or 50, but your teacher is there to help you.

Q How much work outside of lessons will I need to do?

You will also get set homework every week, which will be a mixture of flipped learning activities, additional practice, exam questions and research. The expectations for this independent work are the same across all subjects.

Q: Can I study both Business and Economics together?

Business and Economics are completely different subjects. They complement each other well and there are a handful of topics that you will find in both subjects, but Business looks at the decisions and management of 1 firm – competing to be the best at what they do. Economics has two parts to it; Microeconomics looks at individual marketplaces – for example the housing market, or leisure market. Macroeconomics looks at how all of these markets interact with each other. So really Business is like micro-microeconomics! Lots of our students choose to study both subjects, especially if they are interested in entering financial careers.

Q. What GCSE Grades are required to study Business and/or Economics

We ask that you gain a minimum of a grade 6 in English and Mathematics to study Economics and a minimum of Grade 5 in English and Mathematics to study Economics