

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Business and Economics

Q What courses does the Business department offer?

A Business GCSE, Level 1/2 Vocational Certificate in Business and Enterprise, A Level Business, Vocational A level, A level Economics

Q How much of the courses involve using computers?

A For some of the finance topics we use Excel spreadsheets, apart from that computers are used for research purposes. There is no coursework in the GCSE course and therefore computers are not needed for this. In the Vocational GCSE 60% of the course is completed using the computers.

Q How are you assessed at the end of the courses?

A For the GCSE there are two 90 minute exam papers with a mixture of short answer and extended writing questions. Each of the exam papers has three sections with the last two sections requiring pupils to answer the questions in the context of a case study at the beginning of each section. The Level 1/2 course has one exam paper and coursework worth 60%. The A levels have three two hour exams and the vocational A level has two exams and two coursework units.

Q What is Business GCSE and Level 1/2 Business and Enterprise

A In year ten we study how small businesses are brought about and what needs to happen to start them successfully. We look at areas of marketing, finance, human resources, operations management and external influences on business. Year 11 is all about growing the business once it has been established using the same themes as year 10 but adapting them to a growing business. This also includes producing a Business Plan for the vocational course.

Q What could Business KS4 courses lead to?

A At Bishop Challoner we have three course that naturally follow on from the Business KS4 courses:

- A level Business
- A level Vocational Business

- A level Economics

Q Who teaches on the Business courses?

- A**
- Miss Sadler
 - Mr Woodbridge
 - Mr Hetherton (Economics)

Q What rooms are the courses taught in?

A We are mostly timetabled in BE1 as well as a number of other rooms.

Q Are the courses relevant to me?

A Anybody could study Business and Economics; and you should if you have an inquisitive mind and you are interested in the real world of business. Most people in the UK work in a Business and everybody uses businesses nearly every day. Business and Economics are up to date, relevant subjects that use real life examples in every lesson. We use a variety of learning styles that suit all types of pupils.