| **Business GCSE** | |
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| **Course Overview** | |
| Businesses are the lifeblood of the economy and the GCSE in business has been designed to give students a strong understanding of the business world whilst developing employability skills such as problem solving, decision making and critical thinking. The Edexcel GCSE is split into two separate themes.  Theme 1 concentrates on the key business concepts, issues and skills involved in starting and running a small business. It provides a framework for students to explore core concepts through the lens of an entrepreneur setting up a business.  Theme 2 examines how a business develops beyond the start-up phase. It focuses on the key business concepts, issues and decisions used to grow a business, with an emphasis on aspects of marketing, operations, finance and human resources. It also considers the impact of the wider world on the decisions a business makes as it grows. | |
| **Assessment** | |
| Theme one  50% of the qualification (90 marks)  Theme 2  50% of the qualification (90 marks)  Both 1 hour 45 minute papers are sat at the end of year 11 | The papers will consist of calculations, multiple–choice, short–answer and extended–writing questions. Questions in Sections B and C will be based on business contexts given in the paper. |
| **Awarding Body** | |
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| **Independent Learning Expectations** | |
| Students will be expected to complete 45 minutes per week of homework which will be set by their teacher. In addition to this students are encouraged to keep up with current affairs by reading or watching the news. | |
| **Possible Careers in the Subject** | |
| Marketing  Accounting  Entrepreneur  Management  Market researcher  Human resources  Financial analyst | |
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