



A LEVEL BUSINESS INDUCTION

Aims :

- To increase understanding of what studying A level business will entail – content and skills
- To give guidance on how to prepare for September and to suggest resources that can be used to increase understanding of the commercial and economic environment (essential for high grades!).
- To provide an experience of an A Level lesson



EDEXCEL BUSINESS A LEVEL

Edexcel Webpage – Specification, past papers etc [Link](#)

Assessment – 3 Exam Papers Summer Y13 2023

Skills



What skills / interests
and what activities will
successful A level
Business students have
/ undertake?

Topics

What are you
expecting to
learn about
through the
course?

HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IF YOU HAVE NOT STUDIED GCSE BUSINESS?

- Recognise that you will have lots of transferable skills – numeracy, analysing sources e.g. texts, graphs, charts etc, ability to produce a written line of argument.
- Spend additional time to set homework learning key vocabulary so that you can use it accurately.
- In class question terminology and concepts that are mentioned that we have not studied yet – never don't ask because you are afraid of looking silly.
- Do not be alarmed if your marks are lower than you would hope in Y12 autumn term, it can take a little time to embed terms and approach (patience and resilience needed) but you will quickly perform at the same level as if you did GCSE.

TO BE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT YOU MUST ENGAGE WITH CURRENT BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC NEWS

- In class you will be
 - Taught the knowledge and concepts – syllabus, textbook, revision guide
 - Skills needed to answer the examination questions
 - Numerical skills and business calculations
- However these will be assessed by your ability to apply them to a business context these can not be predicted or taught.
 - To maximise your chances you need to watch, listen and read as much about business activities as you can.
 - Bring questions to class and ideas you wish to discuss – the more you put in the more you will get out.
 - Be pro-active! Participate in discussion – test and question ideas!

PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER

BASIC SKILLS & ESTABLISHING HABITS TO BUILD YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Initial numeracy assessment – complete and self assess

Scrap book (paper / electronic) Find 3 current business / economics news stories – read, look up any key words that you are unfamiliar with, bullet point key ideas, What will the impact be on the business or economy?, What questions does the article raise?

BBC Business News [Link](#)

Useful Extension for students new to Business

Key GCSE Topics – Business Ownership and Revenue, Costs & Profit (Tutor 2 U ownership, GCSE POD, Revision Guides, Youtube – BIZCONSESH)

All of the A Level Syllabus will be taught

Extension – Increase your understanding of the commercial and economic environment

useful Podcasts ;

Business as Usual (A level teachers) [Link](#)

BBC Sounds – Wake up to money (Daily) [Link](#), The Bottom Line – Evan Davies weekly on a specific business topic [\(Link\)](#) Reith Lecture – Mark Carney [Link](#)

Freakonomics Radio e.g. Will Work-from- Home work Forever?

- One Drive Folder : Preparing For A Level [Link](#)
- Business Ownership – Tutor 2 U Free GCSE Catch- up Forms of ownership [Link](#)
- GCSE PODS
 - Ownership
 - Sole traders [POD](#)
 - Partnership [POD](#)
 - Private Limited Companies [POD](#)
 - Franchises [POD](#)
 - Public Limited Companies [POD](#)
 - Revenue, Costs and Profit [POD](#)