



ERASMUS DARWIN ACADEMY

Excellence for All

GCSE Business 9-1

Aims

Business is an essential area that all students will need, to be part of a modern society; as such Business will give students the chance to study an exciting course, employing an analytical, evaluative and investigative approach. Despite being assessed through two written exams the GCSE Business course will provide students with ample opportunity to take part in practical based activities which will also focus on the development of key functional skills such as presenting and taking calculated risks. GCSE Business will encourage students to be inspired, moved and challenged by studying a broad, coherent, satisfying and up to date course of study which will allow students to gain an insight into related sectors such as economics, accounting and marketing. Studying GCSE Business makes young people aware of their roles as consumers, workers, citizens and ultimately as business owners, preparing them to make informed decisions about further learning opportunities and career choices.

The Course

The AQA GCSE course in Business includes six themes:

1. Business in the real world
2. Influences on business
3. Business operations
4. Human resources
5. Marketing
6. Finance

The course is designed to engage actively in the study of business in order to develop as effective and independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds. The course has practical elements and will allow the candidates to develop and apply their knowledge, understanding and skills to contemporary issues in a range of local, national and global contexts. During their work they will use an enquiring, critical approach to distinguish facts and opinions, to build arguments and make informed judgements.

Assessment

The assessment is made up of two exams each worth 50% of the GCSE. Paper 1 will address Influences of operations and Human Resource Management on business activity 1 and paper 2 will address influences of marketing and finance on business activity. Each paper is out of 90 marks and students will have 90 minutes to complete them.

Choose this course if..

You

- Have an interest in setting up your own business
- Have an interest in understanding how large businesses operate
- Wish to actively engage in practical business projects in order to develop teamwork skills
- Wish to develop your ability to efficiently make sensible, logical and informed decisions

Post 16 Opportunities and Careers

GCSE in Business can lead to the Level 3 Business qualifications. Currently as a school we offer the AQA A-level in Business. Careers that GCSE Business could lead to include: Accountant, Marketing Executive, Sales Executive, Supply Chain Manager, Project Manager, Retail Manager, Mortgage Advisor, Business Analyst, Investment Banker, etc...

Exam Board Information

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/business/gcse/business-8132>

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