

A Level Business Studies



AWARDING BODY

AQA

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade B in English .

It will not matter that you have not studied the subject before.

This course will appeal if you are interested in Business and its effect on our daily lives. You will use a variety of sources to become more analytical and informed on the current state of British Business.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Advanced level Business is assessed entirely by examination.

However, a number of essay questions and research projects are undertaken during the course.

EMPLOYMENT

For potential employers, Business Studies, with its broad study base and balance of numerical and written skills, is an ideal foundation for the recruitment of students for managerial positions and offers all the skills employers have recently said are lacking in new recruits.

What will I study?

Year 1

You will study two units in year 1 where you will focus on planning and financing a business, and the key leadership and management decisions that you will need to take, and also look in detail at managing a business and tackling the issues that may arise. Key topics that we will consider are: finance, people in business, operations management, marketing and competition. Both these units will be assessed via 1 hour 30 minute examinations in June and contain a mixture of multiple choice, short answers and data response questions.

Year 2

The focus in the second year is on strategic decision making in larger businesses that may well be trading internationally. Students at A-level are encouraged to follow business developments and think critically about contemporary business issues. Most of the assessment material is based on real business situations. For example, students have studied the impact of the recent UK recession along with social changes and ethics, doing business in China, and UK manufacturing. Both these units will be assessed via examinations in June. This is subject to change dependent on Government changes to A-levels. There are 3 x 2 hour papers at A-level and include a range of assessments including; multiple choice, short answers, essays and data response.

Why should I come to Cardinal Newman Sixth Form to Study Business?

Students consistently achieve pass rates and high grades well above the national average. In the most recent results our students achieved 100% pass rate (2014), with 83% of students achieving A* to B grades. This is far higher than the national benchmarks.

All the subject tutors have a wealth of experience with many having spent time in industry. This enables them to teach the subject with enthusiasm and passion, which helps in bringing the subject to life in the classroom through a range of 'active' learning experiences, reflecting the dynamic nature of the subject material.

What will this course prepare me for?

The majority of students go on to university, where Business Studies represents the largest single subject in the university sector.

Trips, Events and Enrichment Opportunities

Business students at Cardinal Newman benefit from arrange of trips, events and Enrichment opportunities including:

Recent trips have included Cadbury World and Vauxhall. We offer different opportunities for our students to enhance their skills and learning. Some of our current students are acting as Business mentors to our KS3 students who are setting up their own business (Stu-Prise). We have a group of students entered into the national 'IFS Student Investor' challenge. We take part in the Cranfield Business Challenge and some students participate in the 'Teachers for Tomorrow' programme, helping to teach our KS4 Business students.

External Links

We arrange for external industry experts to come in and give talks to our sixth form students.