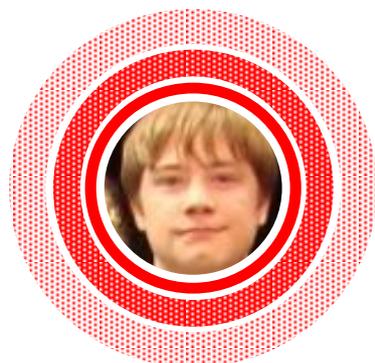


BUSINESS STUDIES NEW INTAKE 2014

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Introduction

The Humanities faculty is made up of seven departments:

- Geography
- Government and Politics
- Religious Studies
- History
- Law
- Business Studies
- Economics

Each subject is taught by specialist subject teachers in a separate suite of rooms.

Accommodation and Equipment

The purpose built Business Studies Block comprising 4 classrooms was opened 10 years ago. This modern well-equipped facility is situated behind the 3 storey block in South School.

All classrooms are equipped with networked computers and full use of them is made by staff and students in learning modules and assignment work.

Provision for GCSE and Key Stage 4

The department offers two courses:

1 GCSE Business Studies

Students study the following areas:

- What is a business and what businesses do
- The nature of financial statements in business
- Why people are important in business
- Investigating business cash flow forecasts

2 GCSE Business and Communication Systems

- This course brings together the subjects of Business and ICT
- It features an active, practical approach to up-to-date business and communication systems in the working environment
- The vocational nature of the course is demonstrated through the coursework and the practical paper
- Results in this subject have been outstanding and the new replacement course is very similar and it is expected excellent results will continue



These courses are subject to change, but will closely correspond to those currently on offer.

Sixth Form Provision

- 3** The Applied A Level in Business has proved to be another popular choice for students who wish to study the world of business in a vocational context. The course is offered as a Single Award and covers a range of business specialisms so that students are able to decide which career path to follow.

Many students who study courses in the Department pursue these subjects at University level, and also get good jobs.

Due to the vocational nature of the department, students are encouraged to work in a manner that enables them to develop business skills which they find useful when they start work.

The recent Ofsted inspection praised the strong business links developed by the department.

Professional Qualifications in the Department: Economic Well-being and Financial Capability

Year 9 IFS Award in Personal Finance

In Year 9 the students study and are examined for a professional qualification which includes:

- The features and origins of money
- How to manage their money including saving accounts
- How bank and building society accounts work
- Different sources of income
- Saving and borrowing products from various sources
- Managing a financial budget
- Principles and practices associated with insurance

Sixth Form

AS Level - IFS Certificate in Financial Studies

This is a new course introduced this year for the sixth form who want to enhance their knowledge of the financial world and includes:

- Why money matters
- Risk and reward in personal finance
- Making personal financial judgements