

Business BTEC

There are four units in total. In the first year we explore the world of business through a piece of coursework and then a controlled assessment is undertaken on a case study set by the exam board. In the second year the work placement is written up and reflected upon as a piece of coursework and then an examination is sat on personal and business finance where a good command of mathematics is required to be successful.

The course gives you the opportunity to learn about businesses and how they operate in the real world. The Level 3 BTEC in business is equivalent to an A level and is highly valued by universities and employers alike. BTECs are work-related qualifications, and students are required to undertake a week's work experience in a business, that then forms the basis of one of the units. Whilst the school will organise this placement, students are encouraged to arrange their own placement in a business that matches their career aspirations; the school will also support this.

Students will utilise ICT skills and undertake independent work and research. The course is particularly well suited to those studying in preparation for employment in the business sector, those interested in job roles where they will be expected to use communication and IT skills, and /or may be required to liaise with customers and carry out customer-facing roles.

Throughout this vocational business course, students will have constant references to the world of work and specific business such as BMW, Thorpe Park, The Forest School and the business they undertake their work placement at.

WHERE TO NEXT?

A range of business-related careers are associated with this qualification including business management, human resources management, marketing apprenticeships. A number of students have progressed onto university as well. Former students have gone on to gain employment in retail and marketing with well-known businesses, or progressed to university to study business and/or IT related degree courses. A number have also joined apprenticeship schemes.

Vocational Level 3

Pearson (Edexcel)

Assessment

60% coursework, including one controlled assessment on marketing and a 40% examination based on personal and business finance. At the end of the first year it is possible to gain an AS equivalent qualification, however most students would continue the full two years and gain a full A level.