Year 8 Options 2020

GCSE Business

Specification: Edexcel GCSE (9-1), QN 601/1239/6

Subject Leader: Mr Smith
Teachers: Mrs Newton & Miss Barnes

What will I be studying?

Theme 1: Investigation small business
You will learn about enterprise & entrepreneurship, spotting a business opportunity, putting a business ideas into practice, making the business effective and understanding external influence on business.
Theme 2: Building a business
You will learn about growing the business, making marketing decisions, making operational decisions, making financial decisions and making human resources decisions.

How will I be assessed?

100% exam – two examinations in the summer of Year 11

Theme 1 – Investigating a small business	Theme 2 –Building a Business
Theme 1 is assessed by a 1 hour 30 minute written exam consisting of calculations, multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions. Business contexts will be given within the paper,	Theme 2 is assessed by a 1 hour 30 minute written exam consisting of calculations, multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions. Business contexts will be given in the paper.

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Throughout each scheme of work, you will complete exam questions in class to help you prepare. You will also be expected to complete exam questions at home. You will complete regular progress tests and key terminology checks. There will also be mock papers for each of the modules.

Anything else I need to know?

GCSE Business provides a skill in understanding the wider world of economics, politics, legislation, technology and social issues. Business is of value to everyone as you are all going to be part of the workplace and all of you are consumers.

Within the scheme of work, you will also have the opportunity to work in groups on 'the Apprentice' style tasks which will help you develop your employability skills such as communication and time management. These projects will also involve links with real life local businesses.

Complementary Courses

Business mainly complements other humanities subjects, in particular Geography. Beyond GCSE, Sandbach School offers Business and Economics A level. This can lead you on to a Business or Economics related degree subject at different Universities, as well as top apprenticeship schemes.

Possible Career Paths

Marketing, Retail Management, Finance and Accounting, Human Resources, Production and Operations, Economics and Public Relations.
It could also give you the skills and confidence to perhaps one day run a business of your own.

For more information: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/business-2017.html