



GCSE Business Studies

The pupils will start by exploring the world of small businesses through the lens of an entrepreneur. How and why do business ideas come about? What makes a successful business? They will learn how to develop an idea, spot an opportunity and turn it into a successful business. Pupils will understand how to make a business effective, manage money and see how the world around us affects small businesses and all the people involved.

Then in Year 11 they will move on to investigating business growth. How does a business develop beyond the start-up phase? Pupils will learn about key business concepts and issues and decisions you need to make when growing a business and working in a global business. They will investigate meeting customer needs, making marketing, operational, financial and human resourcing decisions and they will explore how the wider world impacts the business as it grows.

The course is the Edexcel Business Studies 9-1, examined via 2 terminal exams at the end of Year 11, both worth 50% of their final grade. Each exam is 90 minutes long and has 90 marks. Both exam papers have 3 sections and include multiple choice, calculation, short answer and extended writing questions.

GCSE Computing:

Throughout Year 10, students will have the opportunity to develop their programming skills through learning the fundamentals of coding with Python. At the same time, students will study Computer Science through learning about: Problem Solving, Programming (theory), Data and Computers. The final two elements of the course (Communications and the Internet, and The bigger Picture) will be studied during Year 11.

Students will complete Component 3 – The Project at the end of Year 10, in June and July of 2017 (20% of overall GCSE marks). Both written papers, Principles of Computer Science (40%) and Application of Computational Thinking (40%), will take place in June 2018.

How parents can help:

- Encouraging students to practise their skills at home
- Help students to learn key terms and check their spellings of key terms
- Purchase revision guides
- Ensure you protect your children in the virtual world as well as you do in the physical world, visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> for more information