

Business Studies – Years 9, 10 & 11	Head of Department: Miss K Pinsent
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Exam Board and syllabus code: AQA GCSE Business (8132)

Content

Students will consider the practical application of business concepts. The units provide opportunities to explore theories and concepts in the most relevant way, through the context of events in the business and economic world.

The knowledge and skills gained from this specification will provide your students with a firm foundation for further study.

The AQA GCSE Business course covers six areas of study which are assessed across two examination papers:

Paper 1: Influences of operations and Human Resources management on business activity

What is assessed:

- Business in the real world
- Influences on business
- Business operations
- Human resources

Paper 2: Influences of marketing and finance on business activity

What is assessed:

- Business in the real world
- Influences on business
- Marketing
- Finance

Assessment

Paper 1: How it is assessed:

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

90 marks

50% of GCSE

Questions:

Section A has multiple choice questions and short answer questions worth 20 marks.

Section B has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 34 marks.

Section C has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 36 marks.



Paper 2: How it is assessed:

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

90 marks

50% of GCSE

Questions:

Section A has multiple choice questions and short answer questions worth 20 marks.

Section B has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 34 marks.

Section C has one case study/data response stimuli with questions worth approximately 36 marks.

How Parents and Carers can Support

1. Discuss business in the world around you and how businesses effect your life; both working and with friends and family.
2. Make yourself aware of the current business news, by keeping abreast with business news.
3. Whether you are an in business or not, discuss what your child is learning about and if helpful use <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zpsvr82> to develop confidence for you all.

Additional Support Available/Useful Links

There are a number of recommended revision resources for the course.

1. Seneca learning – (www.senecalearning.com - you signed up to this website before the mock – great for reviewing content)
2. Quizlet (www.quizlet.com – search for “cpsteacher”, click on classes, click on GCSE Business – Mrs Jones has set up terminology lists for all units
3. BBC Bitesize (www.bbc.com/bitesize - this is not exam board specific, so use the checklist before using BBC Bitesize to make sure that you need to know what you are learning – for example for the OCR GCSE you do not need to know about relational databases)
4. Past papers (samples can be found on the AQA website <https://www.aqa.org.uk> and your teacher will provide papers as we get closer to the exam)

Reading List

- CGP GCSE AQA Business Studies Revision Guide and Workbook (Copy provided at the start of Year 11)
- AQA GCSE (9-1) Business 2nd Edition Hodder Education ISBN 978-1-4718-9938-6

