



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

GDST
GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM GUIDE

BUSINESS

EDEXCEL

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least grade 6 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics.

It is not necessary to have studied this subject at GCSE in order to take it at A Level.



“Success or failure in business is caused more by the mental attitude even than by mental capacities.”

Walter Scott

WHY CHOOSE BUSINESS?

Because business is everywhere! Newspaper and television headlines offer continual reminders of how relevant and of how much interest the business world is to us all.

Business is also very relevant to YOU! Every organisation you ever have contact with will have business principles attached to it. Whether you are buying a t-shirt from Topshop, liaising with the Foreign Office on a point of immigration law or starting your own veterinarian practice, an understanding of how a business or not for profit organisation is run effectively will help you to achieve your own objectives with these organisations.

The course aims to enable you to:

- develop an enthusiasm for studying business
- gain a holistic understanding of business
- develop a critical understanding of organisations and their ability to meet society's needs and wants
- understand that business behaviour can be studied from a range of perspectives
- generate enterprising and creative solutions to business problems and issues
- be aware of the ethical dilemmas and responsibilities faced by organisations and individuals
- acquire a range of relevant business and generic skills, including decision making

The course will enable you to enhance and develop your analytical and evaluative skills as well as developing key skills of communication, independent learning and teamwork; all essential for when you venture into the outside world!

The course is made up of four themes:

1. Marketing and people
2. Managing business activity
3. Business decisions and strategy
4. Global business

BUSINESS AND YOUR FUTURE

As many Higher Education courses relate to the business world, it is no surprise that A level Business Studies students continue to take business related courses at university. Many students simply take a Business degree course before they specialise or apply for work through the many graduate recruitment schemes offered by large companies.

Students can, however, specialise on entry to university by studying marketing or accounting, for example. The A level course helps with this type of decision. Many related careers include marketing and public relations, accountancy, banking and law. Nationally, 56% of UK students use A level Business Studies as a stepping stone into another field, including into a totally unrelated course such as Pharmacy and Dentistry.

There are many benefits from studying Business, the main one is it encourages creativity, debate, teamwork and is totally relevant to your life.

*Click here to watch the course introductory video
from Head of Business and Economics, Mr Chris Swales*

In order to join us in the Sixth Form, we require an average of grade 6 across eight GCSE subjects, including English and Mathematics. See individual subjects for any specific requirements for study at A Level.

For detailed course information on all of the A Level subjects please visit the AQA, Edexcel or OCR websites.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the admissions process, please call 0115 935 4444 or email admissions@not.gdst.net



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