



## Edexcel GCSE Business FAQs

### **What knowledge will students gain from the Edexcel GCSE Business course?**

This qualification is engaging and inspiring and reflects the demands of a truly modern and evolving business environment. It will enable students to develop as commercially minded and enterprising individuals and to succeed in their chosen pathways. The first part of the course concentrates on the key business concepts, issues and skills involved in starting and running a small business. It provides a framework for students to explore core concepts through the lens of an entrepreneur setting up a business. The second part of the course examines how a business develops beyond the start-up phase. It focuses on the key business concepts, issues and decisions used to grow a business, with emphasis on aspects of marketing, operations, finance and human resources. It also considers the impact of the wider world on the decisions a business makes as it grows. The course's engaging themes will spark students' imagination and inspire commercial thinking as they develop their business knowledge.

### **Will students be taught in ability sets?**

No. All Business classes are mixed ability.

### **Do I need to be good at Maths in order to study Business?**

The paper will include compulsory questions that target mathematics at a minimum of Key Stage 3 level. Calculators may be used in the examination.

### **How is the course assessed?**

The course is assessed through two 90 minute exams consisting of calculations, multiple - choice, short - answer and extended - writing questions. Each exam will be worth 90 marks and all questions will be compulsory. Questions in Sections B and C will be based on business contexts (case studies) given in the paper. There will be no coursework for Business.

### **Which areas of work does the course prepare students for?**

The course aims to develop effective and independent students, and to foster critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds. A GCSE Business course is a base for students to study Business and other subjects at A - level. It could also lead students to work in a business-related profession such as accountancy, law, marketing or the leisure and tourism industry and is an excellent course for students who are hoping to start their own businesses.