

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Business Studies and Economics is a large and thriving department with multiple courses at Key Stages 4 and 5. In the Sixth Form the school aims to maintain a maximum group size of approximately 17, with groups receiving 5 hours of specialist teaching a week. The majority of our post-16 learners elect to study at Northgate having previously attended other secondary schools across south Suffolk, meaning there is a positive mix of students from different backgrounds.

The department currently runs the following courses:

- A Level Business Studies (AQA)
- A Level Economics (AQA)
- BTEC Business (EDEXCEL)
- GCSE Business (EDEXCEL)

Lessons that are dynamic and seek to actively engage pupils and students in their own learning have led to very good academic achievement and a significant increase in pupil/student recruitment in recent years. There is an emphasis on teaching and learning excellence throughout the school, with an active Teaching and Learning Group supporting further developments in this area.

Northgate benefits from modern facilities, with GCSE Business being taught in two classrooms in the middle school adjacent to the team office. Sixth Form lessons are taught within the purpose built Sixth Form Centre. An excellent range of resources are available with good IT facilities. The department openly shares a current and well maintained bank of digital materials, which are easily accessed by staff and students. The team offer weekly support workshops, dedicated revision days, and a range of visits and competitions alongside the learning in lessons.