**Business & Economics**

**BACKGROUND/CURRICULUM**

Business & Economics has been running highly successful A level (AQA), GCSE (9-1 Edexcel), Economics (AQA) and BTEC Level 3 courses for a number of years. All are a popular option within Tring School and see courses running successfully, with many students opting to continue with Business or Economics at University or in higher level apprenticeships.

The department is well established and currently the following groups run;

**KS5**

1x Year 12 A Level Business and BTEC

1x Year 13 A Level Business and BTEC

1 x Year 12 Economics and 2 Year 13 groups.

At KS4 we run a two year GCSE, with three groups due to start in year 10 (2018) and two in Year 11. Results are consistently very good and the students benefit from the use of Chromebooks, this allows the use of real businesses to apply their learning.

**RESOURCES**

The department has two specialist rooms and lessons are timetabled in this room whenever possible. The department has a wide range of resources – textbooks, software, reference books, magazines and videos, to which students have full access. The School Learning Resource Centre has additional resources and computer access. Each teaching room has its own projector.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Every year students are offered the opportunity to attend Conferences and extend their learning outside of the classroom, however, this is an area that we continue to develop in line with new specifications and learning content. Outside speakers are also used for a variety of topics.

The ‘Apprentice Challenge’ has been running in 2017 and has seen students within BTEC use their enterprise skills to raise money for a local Dacorum Charity.