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| **Business Department Description** |

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| **Information for Applicants** |
| Brooke Weston Academy is an innovative, nationally acclaimed educational establishment. Our philosophy and approach is embedded in student-centred learning, underpinned by a structured framework of assessment that has differentiation and personalisation at its heart. Opened in 1991, Brooke Weston Academy has consistently appeared in the top rank of state comprehensive schools. On average this year 89% in Year 11 achieved GCSEs graded A\*-C (9-4) with 28% gaining A\*/A (9-7) grades. 84% of students in year 11 achieved five or more GCSEs graded A\*-C including maths and English (9-4). 51% of students achieved the English Baccalaureate with maths and English grades 9-5. In Year 13 students achieved 99% pass rate with 62% gaining A\*/A or B grades.  Brooke Weston Academy has exceptionally high standards and works hard to preserve the ethos, which places the student at the heart of the learning experience. Our OfSTED report of January 2011 confirmed Brooke Weston Academy’s outstanding reputation and highlighted, amongst other aspects, the positive relationships between staff and students and the outstanding learning opportunities available. |
| **The Departmental Structure** |
| The Business department consists of a team of teachers with experience in both industry and education. The department has use of dedicated ICT suites equipped with Interactive White Boards with access to the Academy’s network.  The department makes use of whole Academy facilities, which include a modern lecture seating up to 100 students, well-equipped library/resource centre, which also contains a large number of laptops for student use and a full sized theatre seating up to 500 students. |
| **Teaching and Learning** |
| Our students are encouraged to become highly motivated, independent learners and are able to learn through differentiated learning activities at four levels. This allows them to develop high levels of knowledge, skills and technological understanding. Students are taught in mixed ability groups at all key stages. Students’ work is carefully monitored and assessed regularly and they are involved in individual target setting. |
| **Courses** |
| Business is an optional subject student can select to study. In Key Stage 3 and 4, students receive two lessons of Business Studies; In Key Stage 5 students receive four lessons.  Business courses offered:   * Edexcel GCSE in Business Studies * Eduqas GCE Business * OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 Introductory Diploma in Business * OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 Introductory Diploma in Health and Social Care * AQA AS Level Travel and Tourism |