



Gordon's School

Business Education Department

Introduction

The Business and Economics Department currently consists of three full time teachers and one part-time teacher.

BTEC/GCSE/A Level Courses

Following on from the curriculum reforms of 2015, the Gordon's Business Studies and Economics departments offer the following courses:

We use the Edexcel Examination Board for the following subjects:

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Business

AS and A Level Business (9BS0) *(NB students are still entered for an AS Level in Business at the end of Year 12 even if they intend to complete the 2-year course)*

AS and A Level Economics A (9EC0) *(NB students are still entered for an AS Level in Economics at the end of Year 12 even if they intend to complete the 2-year course)*

We use the AQA exam board for GCSE Business Studies (Year 11) and we use OCR for the new GCSE Business 9-1 (Year 10).

Examination results

Examination results in the Business and Economics department are consistently high across all specifications. These results reflect the academic nature of the Department and the high expectations placed upon both our staff and students.

Business GCSE results:

	Gordon's	Nationally
A* - A Grades	70%	16.5%
A – B grades	95%	39.5%
A – C grades	100%	62.6%
Pass	100%	98.1%

Business AS results:

	Gordon's	Nationally
A Grades	70%	9.7%
A – B grades	95%	27.3%
A – C grades	100%	51.8%
Pass	100%	88.1%

Business A Level results:

	Gordon's	Nationally
A*- A Grades	42%	15.2%
A – B grades	100%	44.3%
A – C grades	100%	74.7%
Pass	100%	98.1%

Economics AS results:

	Gordon's	Nationally
A Grades	47%	21.1%
A – B grades	72%	39.1%
A – C grades	82%	60.2%
Pass	100%	87.8%

Economics A Level results:

	Gordon's	Nationally
A*-A Grades	75%	34.4%
A – B grades	90%	64.2%
A – C grades	95%	85.2%
Pass	100%	98.5%

Extra-curricular activities

Business and Enterprise

We run several high profile activities across the school. For example, we host a Dragons' Den Event for GCSE Business Studies students and we run the Young Enterprise company programme for Year 10 and Year 12 students, who produce the popular school calendar and sell this annually at the Christmas fair.

At KS3, we participate in the Scholastic Bookfair Challenge for Year 7 and 8 students as well as the MOSAIC Business Challenge, where our Year 9 students participated in the national finals of this competition. The department has also established a link with a local primary school where Year 6 students take part in a business challenge for a day.

There are business trips to Cadbury's World and the Mini Factory in Oxford, and we also make regular use of guest speakers and local entrepreneurs, in order to enhance the curriculum for all Business students.

Economics

Student Investor Challenge: Students in Business Studies and Economics have an opportunity to compete in this exciting share trading competition, building a portfolio of investments with a fictional £100,000 budget.

The Royal Economic Society Young Economist of the Year competition: Students in Year 12 enter this academic writing competition in order to broaden their economic horizons and research a topical economic issue such as immigration or Brexit.

Students in Year 13 also visit the Bank of England and the London Stock Exchange to hear about Financial Markets, and Year 12 attend an Economics conference with speakers on current topics such as behavioural economics.

Students are also invited to attend library talks on Economics which are arranged in collaboration with 9 other schools in the local area to stimulate their interest in Economics beyond the curriculum