

## **Business Education Faculty**

Our vision within the faculty is to provide an outstanding active learning journey that will inspire and engage all students to be proactive and achieve their full potential.

The Business faculty is an independent faculty delivering courses in Business, Economics and Leisure and Tourism.

The courses currently on offer at Key Stage 4 are:

- GCSE EDEXCEL Business Studies
- GCSE EDEXCEL Leisure & Tourism
- BTEC First Level 1/2 Business

## At Key Stage 5 we offer:

- EDEXCEL A Level Economics
- EDEXCEL A Level Business
- AQA Applied General Business
- Level 3 BTEC Travel & Tourism

The faculty is made up of five full time teachers plus a faculty administrative support. The Head of Faculty is supported by the Second in Faculty.

We believe in a shared, collaborative approach to teaching and supporting each other in our aim of enhancing the opportunities for students and staff. A key focus for the faculty is the continual development of teaching and learning strategies and resources.

There are many opportunities for students to participate in enrichment activities. There are a range of competitions that students enter throughout the year. All students take part in the Student Investor Portfolio Challenge which involves buying £100,000 of virtual shares in the FTSE 100 and managing their portfolio. A-level Economics students take part in the BASE challenge at Loughborough University which gives them the opportunity to develop valuable employability skills. Educational visits to Drayton Manor, East Midlands Airport and Harry Potter Studios are also arranged to deepen students' knowledge and understanding of the Business world.

It has been the leading faculty in developing vocational and BTEC courses and students have achieved a high level of success improving year on year. Many students go on to study Business/Economics at university.

The faculty has excellent facilities with the use of six dedicated classrooms all equipped with data projectors. Two of the rooms have access to a suite of computers and the faculty has 30 Microsoft tablets and laptops.

Most faculty members are form tutors. The school operates a House system with eight Houses and each House having eight Forms. Forms are vertical and include students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. As part of the House system, students take part in many activities, trips and charity events.