**Business, economics and travel and tourism faculty**

The business department is currently a team of four full time and two part-time teachers delivering the BTEC and GCSE qualifications. In Key Stage 4 we have four GCSE groups and two BTEC groups in Year 11 and four GCSE and two BTEC groups in Year 10. In Key Stage 5 we currently deliver the level 2 BTEC first extended certificate in business to one group in Year 12 and the BTEC level 3 national extended certificate to two groups and the BTEC level 3 national diploma to one group also in Year 12. In Year 13 we are doing the BTEC level 3 extended certificate to two groups and BTEC level 3 national diploma to one group.

We are a dedicated and experienced team that will provide all of the support that will be needed with the different courses. The department is timetabled so that vocational classes always have access to computer technology for research and portfolio work. Furthermore, we have three dedicated classrooms for the subjects with one for GCSE one for BTEC and one for A-level economics. Average class sizes in Key Stage 4 are between 15-26 students and in Key Stage 5 are usually between 12 - 15 students.

We believe that the nature and structure of the BTEC courses currently give our students the best possible opportunity to reach their potential and we encourage our level 2 students to progress to level 3. A proportion of these students then go on to either University or some other form of Higher Education. Furthermore, we have successfully increased the GCSE business take up numbers each year since it started in September 2014.

As a department we are committed to helping our students reach their full potential and are proud of our success in enabling them to gain in confidence and achieve; helping them to progress in their future careers. We are also committed to extracurricular activities with a ‘young enterprise’ team entered in year 12 and a target 2.0 Bank of England team entered in year 13.

Economics is a very popular subject at Imberhorne as we currently have three Year 12 groups and two Year 13 groups doing the subject which is delivered by two members of the department.

BTEC in travel and tourism is in Key Stage 5 only and currently has one group in year 12 and one group in Year 13, this is delivered by two members of the department.

The business, economics and travel and tourism faculty has high expectations of our students. Students are actively encouraged to access subject resources from home using the remote access.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Mr Conrad Mumby**

Leader of Learning for business and economics

Lead Internal Verifier for BTEC in business