



Roundwood Park School

The Business and Economics Department

The Business and Economics department is a team of experienced, successful, highly committed, friendly and supportive members of staff:

Teaching Team

Mr Mike Desborough (Head of Department)
Mrs Viv Tattersall (Head of BTEC Business)
Mr Bob James (Subject Leader for Economics)
Mrs Ruth Draper (Business teacher)
Mr Alex Davie (Business teacher)
Mrs Sue Wilkins (Head of Year 10 and Business and ICT teacher)

As a department we nurture pupils' creativity and teach them the skills to not only come up with brilliant ideas, but to turn them into a reality. By doing so, we teach a subject that complements their wider learning and brings it to life in practical terms.

We encourage pupils to be resourceful, innovative and enterprising as they solve real and relevant problems. This means developing the essential skills young people need for everyday life, and unlocking their ability to, not only gain high grades at both GCSE and A Level, but enable them to progress in the workplace.

Key Stage 5 – A Level Business (Edexcel) and Economics (Edexcel)

We have excellent results in both business and economics at A Level and have established the new specifications with success. We have a good range of resources to support teaching and learners. Students are passionate about the subjects with the majority progressing to higher education to study our subjects further.

Key Stage 5 - BTEC Business Level 3 – Extended Certificate and Diploma

BTEC Business is taken in combination with A Levels or another BTEC by our students. The students have high aspirations with the majority wanting to progress to university. Our results have been strong in all components and overall in recent years. We offer the Extended Certificate and Diploma as a single or double option.

KS4 GCSE Business (EDEXCEL) and GCSE Economics (AQA)

Business and Economics are taught separately at GCSE from year 10. The new specifications provide an excellent basis for progression to A Level and we had strong results in the first year. Many progress onto A Level study in the subject areas.

Extra-Curricular

The department have external speakers in each year and these will be closely linked to the courses to bring learning to life. We also engage with local business owners to provide feedback on BTEC units.

We currently offer Young Enterprise Company Programme. With companies winning several awards already this year and working well with local business advisors.

Tutor2u conferences are attended every year to give students extra support with exam technique and knowledge building. Students also attend other events during the year and regularly attend events out of school to develop their interest and understanding further including LSE talks and conferences.