**Information on the Business & Computing Department**

The department currently offers the following courses:

OCR Creative iMedia Level 2

OCR GCSE Computer Science (9-1)

OCR Cambridge Technicals Level 3 Introductory Diploma in IT

OCR GCE Computer Science (AS & A Level)

Edexcel GCSE Business Studies (9-1)

OCR Cambridge Technicals Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business

Edexcel GCE Business Studies (AS & A Level)

Within the department there are four full time members of staff – two Business Studies teachers as well as the Subject Leader and Assistant Subject Leader. We also have 2 staff from other departments who teach Computer Science up to level 3 and IT up to Level 3.

As well as the Subject Leader, there is a second in department who provides additional support to the team. Consequently, the Business and Computing sides of the department have a close relationship and there is a strong 'team spirit' amongst teaching staff, who willingly support one another.

The majority of courses are mixed ability yet are always set where timetabling and pupil numbers allow.

As a department, we offer out of school time activities such as Business trips, Computer Programming Club, and our Robotics Club.

Classrooms are well equipped with electronic projectors and Smart Boards. We have five large and two small computer suites that accommodate whole and half sets respectively. Resources are well maintained and up-to-date, shared between staff and pupils. All users have access to a shared area on the school network.

Staff are supplied with laptops when they join the school but every classroom has a teacher desktop as standard. Computer rooms are bookable by all departments when vacant. The schools’ IT network and facilities are overseen by a systems manager who leads a team of two full time technicians and additional external support as required.

In Business and Computing we pride ourselves on our team spirit and enthusiasm; anyone applying to work with us would be expected to help to maintain our high standards, but would be made thoroughly welcome and supported by all of our very special team!