

Business

COURSE CODE

AS Level AQA 7131
A Level AQA 7132

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 5 in GCSE English Language and Grade 5 in GCSE Maths.
- 5 in GCSE Business if studied.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

The study of strategic decision making should build on the study of decision making in the functional areas. Students will also be asked to consider:

- Financial performance measures.
- The influences of corporate social responsibility, ethical and environmental issues.
- The difficulties in forecasting future trends.
- The impact on stakeholders of strategic decisions and their response to such decisions.

All topics lend themselves to studying and engaging with the business world. The specification and assessment should encourage students to follow business developments and think critically about contemporary business issues. Most of the assessment material is based on real business situations.

ASSESSMENT

A Level

Assessment is based on knowledge, application, analysis and evaluation. There are three external exams:

- Paper 1: Business 1 (two hour written exam worth 100m and 33% of the course).
- Paper 2: Business 2 (two hour written exam, worth 100m and 33% of the course). Three data response compulsory questions worth approximately 33 marks each and made up of three or four part questions.
- Paper 3: Business 3 (two hour written exam, worth 100m and 33% of the course). One compulsory case study followed by approximately six questions.

NEXT STEPS

You could go on to university to study a Business Management, Economics, Marketing, HR or Finance related degree. Alternatively work as an apprentice in HR, finance or marketing. Some students may be very enterprising and with their acquired business skills will set-up in business.

CAREER INFORMATION

Business can help you in whatever career you decide to follow. Specifically it will help in: Accountancy, Banking, Marketing, Human Resources, Production, Economics, Education, or Law.

EXTRA COSTS

AQA A Level Business textbook: Surridge and Gillespie

