

Subject: Business

Exam Board: Edexcel

Course Number: 9BSO

Course Overview: Students are introduced to business in Themes 1 and 2 through building knowledge of core business concepts and applying them to business contexts to develop a broad understanding of how businesses work. Breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding, with applications to a wider range of contexts and more complex business information, are developed in Themes 3 and 4, requiring students to take a more strategic view of business opportunities and issues.

How is this A Level assessed?:

| Unit Code | Unit Title | Guided Learning Hours | Term when will this be taught (2 yr course) | Assessment Details | Assessment Weighting |
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| Paper 1 9BSO/01 | Marketing, People and Global Business | | <u>Year 1</u> all terms (Theme 1) <u>Year 2</u> Autumn and Summer term (Theme 4) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Written examination.● The paper comprises two sections.● Students answer all questions from both sections.● Sections A and B each comprise one data response question broken down into a number of parts, including one extended open-response question.● Duration: 2 hours.● 100 marks available. | 35% |
| Paper 2 9BSO/02 | Business activity and decision strategies | | <u>Year 1</u> All terms (Theme 2) <u>Year 2</u> Autumn, Winter (Theme 3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Written examination.● The paper comprises two sections.● Students answer all questions from both sections.● Sections A and B each comprise one data response question broken down into a number of parts, including one extended open-response question.● Duration: 2 hours.● 100 marks available. | 35% |
| Paper 3 9BSO/3 | Investigating business in a competitive environment | | Year 1 and 2 All Terms Synoptic paper (Theme 1,2,3,4) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Written examination.● The paper comprises two sections.● Students answer all questions from both sections.● Sections A and B each comprise one data response question broken down into a number of parts, including one extended open-response question.● Duration: 2 hours.● 100 marks available. | 30% |

Entry Criteria

Grade 4/5 at GCSE or Merit Level 2 BTEC

Grade 4 in GCSE English Language

Grade 4 in GCSE Maths

What can I do with this qualification/Post-18 progression opportunities/ university subjects which this course supports:

Students will apply their knowledge and understanding to real-life business contexts, with updated content to reflect the issues impacting on modern businesses in our specification and real business case studies in all our assessments. Students will develop transferable skills that support higher education study and the transition to employment, including numeracy, communication, an understanding of the business environment and commercial awareness. Students can progress from this qualification to:

- Higher education courses such as business management, business administration, accountancy and finance, human resource management, marketing, retail management, tourism management and international business
- A wide range of careers ranging from banking/finance, accounting, marketing, sales, product management and general management to working in public sector organisations or charities.

Other A Level Subjects which support academic attainment/ complement learning

Maths, English, ICT, Geography, History, Modern Foreign Languages, Psychology, Sociology, Sports Science, Philosophy

Essential Textbook incl ISBN

Edexcel AS/A level Business 5th edition Student Book and Active Book: £35.99

ISBN-13: 978-1447983545

Recommended supplementary resources- websites, blogs, journals:

Business Review – Journal

<http://www.tutor2u.net/business>

BBC News

Out of lesson learning including trips and visits:

Revision Conference including pre-Release material conference £25

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Quote from current student- include their name:

“Business touches every aspect of the world we live in. It is a very relevant and current subject where you learn a lot. Useful for both future academic and personal progression” Kevel Patel -Y13