

Business & Economics Y9

Aims:

- To introduce KS3 students to this new subject area
- To develop a basic acumen for consumer, business and government decision making
- To develop the subject specific language which will aid students in later life.

Topics Covered:

The Y9 course is based around the 2008-17 Edexcel Specification of Business & Economics. We focus on:

- Business Set Up
- Enterprise Behaviour
- Business Planning
- Business success and failure
- Marketing & Finance
- Economic Policy and the impact on consumer and firms
- International Trade

Please note, topics covered will vary, as the department is keen to engage students with current affairs, and issues in the news which cannot be predicted.

The course is good preparation for the GCSE in Business, but it is not a requirement.

Teaching groups:

Classes are mixed ability and determined in the Y8 options process. The number of classes taught vary year on year. The lesson is taught in Upper School, which requires students to travel sites at lunchtime. Class sizes vary from 23 to 28 students.

Assessment:

Assessment of student understanding takes place regularly, and homework is set using Show My Homework. Formal assessments take place each term, or every 8 weeks. Performance is shared via the review system.

How Parents and Carers can help:

- Talk about your/family/friends occupations, day to day tasks, and any changes occurring in different industries.
- Discussing news headlines will allow you to support your child in developing their subject specific language.
- Ensure your child has the appropriate equipment; calculations are common, so calculators are essential.
- Check SMH for tasks that reinforce learning.