



## Key Stage 5 Business Qualifications

- Extended Certificate | A Level equivalent
- Extended Diploma - 3 A Level equivalent

### What will I learn?

Students will learn how a business might evolve from a small start-up business to a large multinational organisation, and will consider a range of different business types gaining an understanding of how the choice of business type might affect the objectives that are set. They will also look at the internal workings of businesses, including their internal structure and how different functional areas work together. By looking at the external constraints under which a business must operate, students will gain an understanding of the legal, financial and ethical factors that have an impact. Students also explore ways in which businesses respond to changes in their economic, social and technological environment; and gain an appreciation of the influence different stakeholders can have upon a business

### Who is the course suitable for?

Students who want to gain a broad understanding of the world of business and industry. They will: - enjoy communication and presenting ideas through a variety of methods - enjoy working independently and in a team The Extended Certificate course is equivalent to 1 A Level and you should choose this option if you would like to study Business alongside other courses. The Extended Diploma course is equivalent to 3 A Levels and you should choose this if you would like to study Business in an applied context.

### Structure of the course:

Extended Certificate (single): Two-year course divided into five units. Equivalent to 1 A Level. You must complete all units to gain the Extended Certificate. You will complete two mandatory externally assessed units and three internally, coursework assessed units.

Extended Diploma (triple): Two-year course divided into 15 units. Equivalent to 3 A Levels. You must complete all units to gain the Extended Diploma.

### How will I be assessed?

Units 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 and 15 are assessed by exam and marked by OCR. Our department staff will internally assess all the other units and OCR will moderate them. Examined units are graded Near-Pass, Pass, Merit and Distinction. Internally assessed units are graded Pass, Merit and Distinction.

### Progression routes:

This qualification will provide learners with a comprehensive understanding of business and will help them to progress onto a qualification in the same subject area in Higher Education (HE). Progression could be onto University through a Business degree, for example Business Management or a non-related degree programme. It also prepares them to take up employment in business where they could continue to study.