



Groby Community College
Achieving Excellence Together

LBI

FRENCH

SPANISH

GERMAN

BTEC
BUSINESS

A LEVEL
BUSINESS

APPLIED
ICT



LANGUAGES, BUSINESS & ICT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Business Studies

The entry requirement for Business is a grade B in Maths & English and if studied Business at GCSE at least a grade C

ICT

The entry requirements for ICT is a grade B in English and if studied ICT at GCSE at least a grade C.

BTEC Business Level 3

The entry requirements for BTEC Business is a grade C in Maths & English and if studied Business at GCSE

Languages

Students will need to achieve an A*/A or B GCSE grade in the Language they are considering carrying onto A Level. Any student who has obtained a grade C as a whole at GCSE or in any component (Speaking, Listening, Reading or Writing) would find this course very challenging and will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances.

FRENCH A LEVEL

AS

Course Content

Family and Relationships

Popular Culture

Media

Healthy Living / Lifestyle

Main Skills Developed

To develop understanding of spoken and written French

To communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in French

To use grammar and structures appropriate to set tasks

To develop critical insights into and contact with the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries where French is spoken

Assessment:

The Advanced Subsidiary (AS) award comprises two compulsory assessment units:

Unit 1- Listening, Reading, Writing (70%), Unit 2 - Speaking (30%)

Advice to parents:

To support them in their studies we recommend that students purchase a good bilingual and monolingual dictionary. Students are also encouraged to practise and develop their language skills as much as possible. Students will be expected to complete at least four hours of homework a week and attend a session with the Foreign Language Assistant. There will also be an expectation that students will participate in any extra-curricular activities offered by the faculty to extend their knowledge and understanding.

A2

Course Content

Environment

Multi-Cultural Society

Social Issues

Cultural Topic e.g. Film, Literature & History

Main Skills Developed

To develop understanding of spoken and written French

To communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in French

To use grammar and structures appropriate to set tasks

To develop critical insights into and contact with the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries where French is spoken

Assessment:

50% carried over from AS, plus;

Unit 3 - Listening, Reading and Writing (35% of total A level marks)

Unit 4 - Speaking test (15% of total A level marks)

GERMAN A LEVEL

AS

Course Content

Family and Relationships

Popular Culture

Media

Healthy Living / Lifestyle

Main Skills Developed

To develop understanding of spoken and written German

To communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in German

To use grammar and structures appropriate to set tasks

To develop critical insights into and contact with the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries where German is spoken

Assessment:

The Advanced Subsidiary (AS) award consists of two compulsory assessment units:

Unit 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing (70% of AS marks and 35% of A2 marks)

Unit 2 - Speaking test (30% of AS marks and 15% of A2 marks)

Advice to parents:

We recommend that students purchase a good bilingual dictionary. Students are also encouraged to practise and develop their language skills as much as possible. Students will be expected to complete at least four hours of homework a week and attend a session with the Foreign Languages Assistant. There will also be an expectation that students will participate in any extra-curricular activities offered by the faculty to extend their knowledge and understanding

A2

Course Content

Environment

Multi-Cultural Society

Social Issues

Cultural Topic e.g. Film, Literature & History

Main Skills Developed

To develop understanding of spoken and written German

To communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in German

To use grammar and structures appropriate to set tasks

To develop critical insights into and contact with the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries where German is spoken

Assessment:

50% carried over from AS, plus:

Unit 3 - Listening, Reading and Writing (35% of total A level marks)

Unit 4 - Speaking test (15% of total A level marks)

For more information, help or advice about German, contact: Chris Bugh

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SPANISH A LEVEL

AS

Assessment:

Course Content	Main Skills Developed
Family and Relationships	To develop understanding of spoken and written German
Popular Culture	To communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in German
Media	To use grammar and structures appropriate to set tasks
Healthy Living / Lifestyle	To develop critical insights into and contact with the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries where German is spoken

The Advanced Subsidiary (AS) award comprises two compulsory assessment units:
Unit 1- Listening, Reading, Writing (70%), Unit 2 - Speaking (30%)

Advice to parents:

To support them in their studies we recommend that students purchase a good bilingual and monolingual dictionary. Students are also encouraged to practise and develop their language skills as much as possible. Students will be expected to complete at least four hours of

homework a week and attend a session with the Foreign Languages Assistant. There will also be an expectation that students will participate in any extra-curricular activities offered by the faculty to extend their knowledge and understanding.

A2

Course Content	Main Skills Developed
Environment	To develop understanding of spoken and written German
Multi-Cultural Society	To communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in German
Social Issues	To use grammar and structures appropriate to set tasks
Cultural Topic e.g. Film, Literature & History	To develop critical insights into and contact with the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries where German is spoken

Assessment:

50% carried over from AS, plus:

Unit 3 - Listening, Reading and Writing (35% of total A level marks)

Unit 4 - Speaking test (15% of total A level marks)

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BTEC BUSINESS LEVEL 3

Subsidiary diploma – equivalent to 1 A Level

Business employers value employees who are able to communicate effectively both verbally and using electronic communication methods. The BTEC qualifications in Business provide opportunities for learners to develop their communication skills as they progress through the course. This can be both through presentations and discussions in which they have the opportunity to express their opinions.

The BTEC Business course covers 10 units. These units include:

The Business Environment

You will study a range of business organisations, and the many factors that shape the nature of organisations operating in an increasingly complex business world.

Business Resources

This unit looks at the range of human, physical, technological and financial resources required in an organisation, and how the management of these resources can impact on business performance.

Introduction to Marketing

You will develop an understanding of how marketing, research and planning and the marketing mix are used by all organisations.

Business Communication

The collection and management of information is vast in businesses, and the successful communication of that information throughout a business, is critical for the future prosperity of the organisation.

WHO IS THE BTEC BUSINESS SUITABLE FOR?

The assessment approach of the BTEC qualifications in Business allows learners to receive feedback on their progress throughout the course as they provide evidence towards the assessment and grading criteria.

Evidence for assessment may be generated through a range of diverse activities including assignment and project work, case studies, workplace assessment, role play and oral presentation.

POST A LEVEL

Higher Education Institutions will accept BTEC Business in combination with other subjects on an extensive range of Degree and HND courses. The skills developed on this course are recognised by employers as being of great value and can lead to a wide range of employment opportunities in areas such as accounting, marketing, personnel and retailing.

If you require any further information on Business Studies, please contact Carlyn Bryan on
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BUSINESS STUDIES A LEVEL

We currently offer the AQA Business Studies course.

Assessment

Assessment is fully exam based. There is NO coursework option. The A Level will comprise three written exams, each lasting 2 hours. Taken at the end of year 2.

Business Studies is a subject that can be easily combined with other subjects. The teaching of the subject encourages an approach that is investigative and problem solving. Stimulus response questions and case studies are used as the basis of assessment in the exam papers.

Post A Level

Higher Education Institutions will accept Business Studies on all courses. Students taking Business Studies at Higher Education have a wide breadth of courses available to them including those linked with Modern Languages, Science subjects, Engineering and Technology, Mathematics or Computer and Social Sciences.

What about professions?

Business Studies is a valuable vocational qualification. It gives an insight into the running of business and provides skills which a number of occupations would find useful. Possible careers include:

Accountancy	Public Relations	Marketing
Teaching	Banking	Hotel/Institutional Manager
Advertising	Health Service Mgr	Retail Mgr
Human Resource Mgt	Production Mgr	Insurance work

Overview of course content

- 1 What is business?
- 2 Managers, leadership and decision making
- 3 Decision making to improve marketing performance
- 4 Decision making to improve operational performance
- 5 Decision making to improve financial performance
- 6 Decision making to improve human resource performance
- 7 Analysing the strategic position of a business
- 8 Choosing strategic direction
- 9 Strategic methods: how to pursue strategies
- 10 Managing strategic change

Advice to parents:

Students are expected to carry out a minimum of 5 hours homework per week in this subject. Students are also expected to read around the subject.

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GCE APPLIED ICT (OCR)

This course provides students with the essential skills that they need in later life, both at university and in employment.

A GCE in Applied ICT (OCR Specification) aims to produce effective, discerning ICT users who:

- can select and use appropriate ICT tools and techniques to help them carry out investigations, capture and handle data, solve problems, make decisions, and present and communicate information.
- are aware of the benefits and drawbacks of ICT and its impact on the way in which people live their lives.
- can plan and manage projects and work effectively with others.

The AS qualification has a broad appeal and develops students' communication and decision making skills.

OCR units for GCE in Applied ICT

G040 1 AS	Using ICT to communicate	Portfolio
G041 2 AS	How organisations use ICT	External
G042 3 AS	ICT Solutions for individuals and society	Portfolio
G048 9 A2	Working to a brief	External
GO51 12 A2	Publishing	Portfolio
G053 14 A2	Developing and creating websites	Portfolio

In year 12 students will study units 1, 2 and 3

In year 13 students will study units 9, 12 and 14

For more information, help or advice about Applied ICT, contact:
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