

Examination Board

AQA

Specific Course Requirements

Students should have six GCSE passes at Grade B, including level 5 in English Language or Literature and Mathematics. All applicants must demonstrate a keen interest and awareness of the Business world and current affairs.

Course Content

This course will cover many topics. These range from the establishing of a business, through to improving its performance based on the core functional areas of Leadership and Management, Marketing, Finance, Operations and Human Resources.

What do I need to know or be able to do this course?

The Business Studies course is a dynamic and rewarding introduction to the world of Business. It requires high levels of analytical skill to develop robust responses to the business context, essential for those aspiring to work in the Business world. It requires hard work and determination to develop these skills and can only be completed with absolute commitment, both inside and outside the classroom. This will entail private research into corporations and their strategic decision-making throughout the course. Although the mathematical work is not complex, the analysis and regularity of mathematical equations may require some students to work harder than others. In addition to this, students will be required to write cohesive essay style responses, combining data and their interpretation of its meaning.

How will I be assessed on this course?

The 'AS' Level course is assessed through two exams, focusing on various relevant Business related skills.

Exam 1 1.5 hours: Multiple choice, short answer and essay questions.

Exam 2 1.5 hours: Case study response.

The full 'A' Level course is assessed through three exams, focusing on various relevant Business related skills.

Exam 1 - 2 hours: Multiple choice, short answer and essay questions.

Exam 2 - 2 hours: Three data response questions.

Exam 3 - 2 hours: Case study response.

What could I do with a qualification in this subject?

Students who want to focus on Business can continue to Higher Education where a broad variety of Business degrees are on offer. Alternatively, the grounding in Business concepts can provide a powerful backdrop to assist students who wish to fulfil their entrepreneurial dreams, or go directly to work.

The three most commonly asked questions about this course are:

Can I study Business and Economics at 'AS' Level?

At JFS it is not possible to study the two, as they are in the same option blocks. Also, universities prefer variety in 'A' Level choices.

Will I be prepared for running my own business?

The course undoubtedly provides an excellent grounding, equipping students with a broad understanding of the Business environment. This will prove valuable in the future for those with entrepreneurial ambitions.

Is there a lot of Mathematics involved in Business?

Equations and data are used in almost every lesson and context in Business. Therefore, if you struggle with Mathematics, you will need to work hard developing these skills, which for many students is a rewarding experience.