

# Business Studies A Level

**Exam Board: EDUQAS**

**Subject Specific Criteria:**

- **Grade 5 in GCSE English Language**
- **Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics**
- **There are no prior learning requirements for Business Studies although a Level 2 Merit or above in Level 1 and 2 Business Studies is advantageous.**

**Assessment:**

3 x 2hr 15min examinations at the end of year 13 covering 3 components:

- **Component 1: Business Opportunities and Functions**
- **Component 2: Business Analysis and Strategy**
- **Component 3: Business in a Changing World**

**Skills Required:**

Learners will be expected to be familiar with current issues in business and be able to investigate, analyse and evaluate contemporary business opportunities and problems in a wide range of contexts, whilst recognising how businesses adapt to operate in a dynamic business environment. In order to access the learning within Business A-level students will require a good standard of written English and communication as well as strong numerical and analysis skills.

**Course Information:**

The Business A-Level course enables learners to investigate different types and sizes of organisations in various business sectors and environments, drawing on local, national and global contexts. Learners will develop a holistic understanding of business and enterprise and be aware of the opportunities and threats of operating in a global marketplace.

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Learners will gain an understanding of the important role played by small businesses in the economy and the opportunities that exist for entrepreneurs, as well as the importance of established business and not-for-profit organisations in providing goods and services.

**Future Opportunities:**

There are a wide range of job opportunities including; chartered accountant / financial services, corporate investment & risk manager, human resources officer, logistics and distribution manager, marketing executive, systems analyst and general or specialist management positions within areas such as retail, or hotel and catering or marketing.

Learners might also progress onto trainee schemes with large corporate companies. Some learners go on to study a business based degrees and MBAs or progress into teaching and lecturing. Entrepreneurial learners might also find success and start their own business using the skills and knowledge they have developed through this course.

**Subject Enrichment:**

We participate in a national business competition with **Young Enterprise**. This is a government and industry sponsored competition where participants get the opportunity to work with local and national government, industry specialists and also the Chamber of Commerce, to present and deliver an enterprise. Through a hands-on employability, enterprise and financial approach, this programme aims to reduce youth unemployment, help young people realise their potential beyond education and empower a generation to learn, to work and to live.