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Curriculum Area:

Business Studies A-Level

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Intent

Curriculum Statement:

The business studies curriculum is knowledge rich and is designed to develop well-rounded student characteristics, ensuring our young people are equipped for the world of work. The intent is for all students to become highly informed through the teaching of in-depth developed knowledge and skilled in the world of business, this includes students developing an economic awareness of business and building entrepreneurs of the future.

The business studies department promises to ensure no door will be closed to students, we cater for all needs and abilities by teaching GCSE and BTEC qualifications. We want all of our students to have a life full of choice. We will inspire future business entrepreneurs, ensuring that we empower and equip students to share a passion for business studies learning, enabling future dreams and ambitions to be fulfilled.

Our goal is for students to leave our department well prepared for the next stage of their educational/work journey, by developing student's business knowledge, building key employability skills and developing collaborative partnerships.

Big Ideas:

- Gross and net profit, margins, breakeven, %, cashflow, costs.
- Liquidity
- Economic influences
- PESTLE

	Implementation						
	Year 12- Content	Assessn	nents	CEIAG/ Literacy and	Personal Development		
		Topics	Assessment type	Numeracy			
				Opportunities			
Term 1	Theme 1: Marketing	 Markets and Marketing Marketing Positioning Demand and supply Markets Pricing elastic of demand Income elasticity Branding and promotion Pricing strategies Distribution Marketing Strategies 	On-going in class formative assessment using quizzes and lesson exit tickets Q and A, research and individual and group presentations to check key knowledge and understanding Summative end of term assessment focusing on the marketing position of a company along with analysing and	 979,000 employees work in the sales and marketing sector Business corporate marketing strategies % work for numeracy Key words for literacy 	 Develops decision making and analytical skills Develops knowledge of the characteristics of mass and niche markets Develops student knowledge of how companies identify customer needs through effective research methods Develops knowledge of how markets are changing in markets environments Develops knowledge of why markets have changed Commercial awareness of marketing strategies a company needs to adopt to stay ahead of the competition e.g. price, branding Develops student knowledge of how businesses apply the marketing mix focusing on key strategies for success to include product life cycle, extension strategies, 		

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			evaluating the effectiveness of marketing strategies and how and why markets have changed	Extended writing	product portfolio, price, promotion and distribution (place) • Develops critical thinking skills in analysing the markets			
Term 2	• Theme 1: People	 Approach to staffing Recruitment and selection Organisation design Motivation in theory and practice Leadership Role of an entrepreneur, motives and characteristics Business objectives and choices Moving from entrepreneur to leader 	On-going in class formative assessment using quizzes and lesson exit tickets Q and A, research and individual and group presentations to check key knowledge and understanding Summative end of term assessment focusing on how organisational manage and motivate their staff, effective recruitment and selection methods along with analysing and evaluate the role of an entrepreneur and leadership styles	5.6 million people work in Human Resources and recruitment Recruitment consultant % work and gross and net profit for numeracy Key words for literacy Extended writing	 Develops decision making and analytical skills Develops planning and organisational skills Develops understanding of what businesses need when recruiting and selecting employees Develops knowledge of management skills and motivational methods in managing and incentivising staff effectively Develops awareness of leadership styles and characteristics Develops awareness of entrepreneurial motives and characteristics Objective setting for survival and profit maximisation Increase awareness of the difference between entrepreneur and leading 			
Term 3	Theme 2: Managing Business Activities	 Internal and external finance Liability Planning Sales forecasting Sales, revenue, and costs Break-even Budgets Profit and liquidity 	On-going in class formative assessment using quizzes and lesson exit tickets Q and A, research and individual and group presentations to check key knowledge and understanding Summative end of term assessment focusing on financial calculations along with analysing and evaluating how a business could measure	Over 840,000 people work in the UK accountancy industry Develops financial acumen and equips students for working in finance or the financial industry or setting up and	 Develops decision making skills Develops financial acumen, prepares students for the world of work Increase awareness of the effects of selecting the right source of internal and external source of finance Develops knowledge of the implications of limited and unlimited liability Develops financial planning and organisational skills Develops financial management skills 			

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			and improve its profitability and liquidity using ratio analysis	running their own business • % work and gross and net profit for numeracy • Key words for literacy • Extended writing	
Term 4	Theme 2: Managing Business Activities	Business failure Production, productivity and efficiency Capacity initialization Sock control Quality management Economic influences Legislation Competitive environment	On-going in class formative assessment using quizzes and lesson exit tickets Q and A, research and individual and group presentations to check key knowledge and understanding Summative end of term assessment focusing on some of last terms financial calculations, income statements along with analysing and evaluating how a business could measure and improve its overall production process, efficiency, utilisation of resources and sustainability with the legal and competitive environment. It will also include knowledge recall from last terms topic of planning and analysing profitability and liquidity	Over 840,000 people work in the UK accountancy industry Develops financial acumen and emphasises the importance of productivity, utilisation and quality management in a changing competitive environment that is governed by legislation work for numeracy, gross and net profit workings and margins Key words for literacy	 Develops decision making and analytical skills Develops business planning and organisational skills Develops knowledge of methods and factors that influence production and efficiency Develops knowledge of how effective an efficient stock control method is to a company and the implications of poor stock control Develops knowledge of TQM and Kaizen quality management methods Increase awareness of the effects on businesses of changes in economic external influences Increase awareness of consumer, employee, and environment protection, competition policy and health and safety Develops in-depth knowledge of competition environment and market size

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Qualit	Theme 3 Business decisions and	Corporate objectives and	On-going in class	Extended writing Over 840,000 people	Develops decision making and analytical skills		
Term 5	strategy	theories of corporate strategy Internal and external influences Growth, mergers, takeovers and organic growth Reasons for staying small PESTLE Profit, break-even	formative assessment using quizzes and lesson exit tickets Q and A, research and individual and group presentations to check key knowledge and understanding • Summative end of term assessment focusing on corporate objectives and how and why the changeover time, analysing and evaluating the influences of a growing businesses. It will also include knowledge recall from previous terms production process and efficiency	work in the UK accountancy industry • % work for numeracy, gross and net profit workings and margins • Key words for literacy • Extended writing	 Students will develop awareness of how companies develop their corporate objectives from mission statements/corporate aims Develops knowledge of the development of corporate strategies and the effect pf strategic and tactical decisions on human, physical and financial resources Increase awareness of the impact on both internal and external influences reference to a SWOT and PESTLE and Porters' Five Forces within a changing competitive environment Develops knowledge of why mergers and takeovers take place and the impact e.g. risks and rewards Distinction between inorganic and organic growth strategies Develops awareness of the benefits companies gain if they remain small 		
Term 6	Theme 1 and 2 recap: Revision knowledge re-cap depending on formative assessment needs of each group, this will be identified by each subject teacher through diagnostic teaching.			 % work for numeracy, gross and net profit workings and margins Key words for literacy Extended writing 			

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	Year 13- Content	Assessm	ents	CEIAG	Personal Development
		Topics	Assessment type		
Term 1	Teacher 1 Theme 3 Business decisions and strategy	 Quantitative sales forecasting Investment appraisal Decision trees and critical path analysis Corporate influences Corporate culture Share holder versus stakeholders Ethics 	On-going in class formative assessment using quizzes and lesson exit tickets Q and A, research and individual and group presentations to check key knowledge and understanding Summative end of term assessment focusing on planning and financial forecasting, using time serious analysis to help inform key decisions and strategy. It will also include knowledge recall from previous terms internal and external influences that helps to shape and direct company strategy in an ethical environment	Over 840,000 people work in the UK accountancy industry % work for numeracy, gross and net profit workings and margins Key words for literacy Extended writing	 Develops decision making and analytical skills Students develop calculative and time serious analysis skills Develop students understanding of the limitations using calculative and time serious analysis skills Students develop their awareness of the effects of corporate timescales when making key decisions e.g. short- termism versus long-termism Develops understanding and clarification of company culture, how corporate culture is formed and the difficulties in changing a culture Understanding the effects of stakeholders versus shareholders Develops awareness of strategic decisions e.g. trade-offs between profit and ethics, pay and rewards and corporate responsibilities
	Teacher 2: Theme 4 Global Business	 Growing economies Internal trade and business growth Factors contributing to increased globalisation Protectionism and Trading Blocs Conditions the prompt trade 	 On-going in class formative assessment using quizzes and lesson exit tickets Q and A, research and individual and group presentations to check key knowledge and understanding Summative end of term assessment focusing on economic growth in a changing 		 Develops decision making and analytical skills Develops understanding of growth rates of the UK economy compared to emerging markets Understand the growth of economic power of countries within Asia, Africa and other parts of the world Develops understanding of the implications of economic growth for individuals and businesses Understanding international import and export trading of products, link between specialisation and competition advantage Understand how FDI links to business growth Understanding what globalisation is and the factors that influence increased globalisation

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Quality	Teacher 1: Theme 3 Business decisions and strategy	Corporate objectives and theories of corporate strategy Internal and external influences Growth, mergers, takeovers and organic growth Reasons for staying small Sales, revenue, and costs Break-even Profit and liquidity Economic influences PESTLE	world and factors that contribute to increased globalisation along with analysing and evaluating conditions of trade within trading blocs. It will also include knowledge recall from all theme 1, 2 and 3 On-going in class formative assessment using quizzes and lesson exit tickets Q and A, research and individual and group presentations to check key knowledge and understanding Summative end of term assessment focusing on corporate objectives and how and why the changeover time, analysing and evaluating the influences of a growing businesses. It will also include knowledge recall from previous terms production process	Over 840,000 people work in the UK accountancy industry Work for numeracy, gross and net profit workings and margins Key words for literacy Extended writing	 Increase awareness of how protectionism can affect a global organisation trading effectively e.g. tariffs, import quotas, government legislation and domestic subsidies Understand the expansion of trading blocs such as the EU and the single market, ASEAN and NAFTA and the impact on businesses of trading blocs Increase awareness of push and pull factors that prompt trade Increase awareness of off-shoring and out-sourcing and extending the product lifecycle to prompt trade Develops decision making and analytical skills Students will develop awareness of how companies develop their corporate objectives from mission statements/corporate aims Develops knowledge of the development of corporate strategies and the effect pf strategic and tactical decisions on human, physical and financial resources Increase awareness of the impact on both internal and external influences reference to a SWOT and PESTLE and Porters' Five Forces within a changing competitive environment Develops knowledge of why mergers and takeovers take place and the impact e.g. risks and rewards Distinction between inorganic and organic growth strategies Develops awareness of the benefits companies gain if they remain small
	Teacher 2:Theme 3 Business decisions and strategy	 Assessment of a country as a market and production location Reasons for global mergers and joint ventures 	On-going in class formative assessment using quizzes and lesson exit tickets Q and A, research and individual and group presentations to check		 Develops knowledge of how to assess a country before investing e.g. levels of growth, disposable income, ease of doing business, infrastructure, political stability exchange rates etc Understand factors to consider when assessing a country as a production location e.g. cost, language, skills and labour force, infrastructure, legislation, RO1

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Quality	of Education - Curriculum	Global competitiveness Marketing and niche markets Culture/Social factors The impact and ethics of MNCs Controlling MNC's PESTLE	key knowledge and understanding • Summative end of term assessment focusing on assessment of suitable countries to trade with and locate along with analysing and evaluating how a business would have to adapt to fit with a countries culture and legislation. Assessment will also cover analysis and evaluation of why MNC's need to be controlled from an ethical stance. It will also include knowledge recall from all theme 1, 2 and 3		 Understand the reasons for global and joint ventures e.g. spreading the risk, entering new markets, acquiring international brand, securing resources and maintaining global competitiveness Understanding global marketing strategies through applying and adapting the marketing mix and Ansoff Matrix to global markets including niche markets Increase awareness of cultural and social factors include culture, language, differing tastes, inappropriate branding Develops knowledge of what the impact is on MNC's on the local economy e.g. wages, labour, working conditions, etc Develops knowledge of what the impact is on MNC's on the foreign economy e.g. foreign direct investment, balance of payments, technology, consumers, business culture, tax revenue and transfer pricing Increase awareness of what ethical in terms of stakeholder conflicts, supply chain and marketing considerations Understand the factors of how MNC's are controlled e,g, political influence, legal control, pressure groups, and social media
	Teacher 1: Theme 3 Business decisions and strategy	Business decisions and strategy Financial statements and ratios Human resources Cause and effects and key factors of change Scenario planning Sales, revenue, and costs Break-even Profit and liquidity Economic influences PESTLE	On-going in class formative assessment using quizzes and lesson exit tickets Q and A, research and individual and group presentations to check key knowledge and understanding Summative end of term assessment focusing on financial calculations along with analysing and evaluating cause and affect of change. It will also include knowledge recall from	 Over 840,000 people work in the UK accountancy industry % work for numeracy, gross and net profit workings and margins Key words for literacy Extended writing 	 Develops decision making and analytical skills Students will be able to interpret and analyse a comprehensive profit and loss account and balance sheet and state the financial position of a company and relevant to stakeholder interest Students develop calculative methods to inform business decisions relative to labour productivity, turnover, and absenteeism Develops financial and empowerment strategies to increase productivity Develop the knowledge of key factors in change e.g. culture, size, time/speed and resistance to change Develops knowledge of risk through risk assessment and planning for risk mitigation



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	Teacher 2: Theme 4 Global Business	 The impact and ethics of MNCs Controlling MNC's Preparation for the unit 4 pre-release PESTLE 	last terms topic of corporate influences		Increase awareness of what ethical in terms of stakeholder conflicts, supply chain and marketing considerations Understand the factors of how MNC's are controlled e,g, political influence, legal control, pressure groups, and social media
Term 4/5	Term 4 and 5: Revision knowledge re-cap depending on formative assessment needs of each group, this will be identified by each subject teacher through diagnostic teaching			 % work for numeracy, gross and net profit workings and margins Key words for literacy Extended writing 	



