

Overview

The Business department offers our students a chance to learn and get involved in the dynamic nature of the business environment. Our academic courses are taught by experienced teachers with years of examiner training and a firm grasp of the requirements demanded by the exam boards. Lessons are fully interactive and applied to realistic UK and Global business. Students are encouraged to access numerous media sources to improve their business understanding as well as question the numerous strategies and influences that business involves. Our Vocational courses aim to improve practical skilling of business involving financial, human resources, production skills that lend themselves to life long attributes the students will require. We pride ourselves on bringing the real world into the classroom as well as ensuring all of our students have access to numerous partner businesses to develop a full understanding of the workings of business.

Assessment

You will follow the Edexcel GCSE Business course and this is made up of two exams worth 100% of the final GCSE grade.

Theme 1: Investigating Small Business

This is a 1 hour 30 minute exam worth 50% of the final grade where the following is assessed:

- Topic 1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship
- Topic 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity
- Topic 1.3 Putting a business idea into practice
- Topic 1.4 Making the business effective
- Topic 1.5 Understanding external influences on business

Theme 2: Building a Business

This is a 1 hour 30 minute exam worth 50% of the final grade where the following is assessed:

- Topic 2.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship
- Topic 2.2 Spotting a business opportunity
- Topic 2.3 Putting a business idea into practice
- Topic 2.4 Making the business effective
- Topic 2.5 Understanding external influences on business

Progression Pathways

These well recognised qualifications focus on knowledge, analysis, evaluation and practicality that will put you in a good position to study any combination of A Levels; aligned subjects include A Level Business, Maths or Economics. This could also lead to studying a level 3 qualification at college or within the business environment as an apprentice.

Careers

The GCSE is a very popular subject with a high percentage of students continuing their studies by taking Business or Economics at A level. Beyond that Business and Economics degrees are amongst the most popular courses for Royal Russell students, providing a pathway for a wide variety of careers from Banking, Accounting, Marketing and Management.