Curriculum Overview

Subject: Business Studies

Year Group: Year 12



The intent of the BTEC Business Studies curriculum, as outlined by Pearson, is to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of the dynamic business environment while fostering essential skills that will enable them to flourish academically and professionally. This curriculum is designed to stimulate critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving abilities, empowering students to analyse real-world business scenarios effectively.

Through a blend of theoretical knowledge and practical application, students will develop competencies in areas such as marketing, finance, and human resources. Emphasis will be placed on team collaboration and communication, ensuring learners can work effectively in diverse settings. The assessment methods incorporated into the programme are tailored to encourage independent learning and self-reflection, ultimately driving students towards the achievement of their best possible results. By cultivating entrepreneurial skills and an awareness of ethical business practices, we aim to prepare students for successful careers in an increasingly globalised economy.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS
Half term 1&2:	Half term 1&2:	Half term 1&2:
Unit 1 (KLI)	Unit 3 (KLI)	Completing tasks and resits of previous exam units.
This unit fosters understanding of business	This unit develops essential skills in	
principles, customer satisfaction, organisational	personal financial management, business	To complete work experience (part of Unit 27)
structure, communication practices, and the	accounting, and analysis, fostering financial	
significance of innovation for success and	literacy crucial for both personal and	
sustainability in contemporary enterprises.	professional success.	
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Unit 2 (LMR)	Unit 8 (LMC)	
This unit nurtures understanding of marketing	This unit cultivates essential recruitment	
dynamics, campaign development, research relevance, and practical application through	skills, emphasising effective selection processes, compliance with regulations,	
creating a campaign, essential for informed	and the use of technology—crucial for	
specialisation in marketing careers.	future employment in human resources or	
specialisation in marketing careers.	higher education.	
	inglier education.	
KEY ASSESSMENTS	KEY ASSESSMENTS	KEY ASSESSMENTS
Half term 2:	Half term 1:	Half term 1:
Unit 2 – mock	Unit 2 External	Unit 3 – Sample assessments will be provided, by
Sample assessments will be provided, by Pearson,	Part A research pack is released to learners	Pearson, in order to prepare learners for the Unit 3
in order to prepare learners for the Unit 2 in	in the afternoon of the day before the Part B	in May. Our centre will use these sample
January. Our centre will use these sample	assessment. Learners have access to Part A	assessments to form a mock exam for students.
assessments to form a mock exam for students.	for a 2 hour preparation period with the	
	Part B being a 3 hour supervised session.	

The assessment is set and marked by Pearson, with 70 marks available.	Half term 2: Unit 3 – external exam set by Pearson. 2 hours in length, with the maximum amount of marks to achieve being 80. Section A contains questions on the personal finance unit content and approximately one-third of the marks and section B contains questions on the business finance unit content and approximately two-thirds of the marks.
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Extended reading suggestions and external resources:

For further enrichment, consider the following resources: "Business Adventures" by John Brooks, which explores enduring business lessons, and the BBC documentary series "Inside the Factory", which provides insights into production processes. These materials enhance understanding of real-world business operations and decision-making strategies.