



National 4/5 Business Management

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (National 4/5)

What are the aims of this course?

Business plays an important role in society and underpins all available career paths. We all rely on businesses and entrepreneurs to create wealth and well-being, prosperity, jobs and choices. Therefore, it is essential society has effective businesses and business managers to sustain this role.

This course provides opportunities that allow learning to develop in a challenging and enjoyable way whereby real-life contexts and situations are explored to further deepen understanding.

This course will enable pupils to develop:

- Knowledge and understanding of the way society relies on business to satisfy our needs
- Enterprising skills and enterprising attributes by participating in activities in realistic business situations, and an understanding of financial awareness through a business context
- An insight into how organisations organise their resources for maximum efficiency
- An awareness of how external influences impact on organisations, including economic impact.
- An insight into the systems organisations use to ensure customers' needs are met

What skills will I develop?

I will develop an understanding of enterprise and employability skills that are essential to today's society. I will obtain specific ICT skills which will help me to gather, analyse and communicate business information effectively. My numeracy skills will be enhanced by giving me further opportunities to interpret data, tables, charts and other graphical displays to draw conclusions. I will have opportunities to work with others and overall I will gain transferable skills such as literacy through learning and using business terminology which will assist me within other subjects.

What learning and teaching approaches will I experience?

A variety of learning and teaching approaches can be expected within the course. All approaches are designed for each individual section of the course. Some of these approaches will include working co-operatively with others, teacher-led lessons, quizzes, individual research using textbooks and internet based research.

How will I be assessed?

The course assessment meets the key purposes and aims of the course by addressing breadth (drawing on knowledge and skills from across the course), challenge (requiring greater depth or extension of knowledge and/or skills) and application (requiring application of knowledge and/or skills in practical or theoretical contexts as appropriate). National 4 will be assessed **internally**. This involves passing two mandatory units and an Added Value Unit which will focus on challenge and application. National 5 will be assessed by way of an **external** exam. There is also a Business Management project which is the Added Value unit which provides breadth, depth, challenge and application in a real business scenario.

What are the homework requirements?

Homework will be issued on a regular basis to reinforce learning and will consist of written and practical based tasks. It is expected that you will investigate, read and research current business affairs topics in order to keep up to date with business news.

What might this course lead to in the future?

The opportunity to progress from National 5 to Higher exists for those successfully gaining an award at National 5. The course also prepares pupils for everyday life, the world of work, or for further study (such as Advanced Higher).

