



BUSINESS (CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION – EXTENDED CERTIFICATE)

Course Information

We are very excited and fortunate to be launching this course here at Newent as we know it would suit so many students who would like to gain a more practical business experience.

This course has been designed around the workplace and employability. Working with Universities (such as the University of the West of England, in Bristol) and employers, the exam board has put together this course that will help you into the world of work **and** help you gain an A Level equivalent qualification! Bonus!

Assessment is through examination and coursework which allows you to develop a range of skills and helps you build up your qualification grade over time. This is therefore not as daunting as a traditional A Level but it is still assessing the same level of content and skills – just in different ways. Don't think vocational educational courses are easy; they are just a different way of learning and being assessed.

In this course you will undertake a variety of business related topics: including business operations and working in business. There are nine optional units we can choose from (ranging across accounting, marketing, human resources and event management) so we can tailor the course to the needs and interests of the students in the group.

Further specifics on the topics and assessment strategies can be gained by viewing the summary brochure from OCR. By typing in "Cambridge business summary brochure OCR" to the *Google search engine* and clicking to top document from the search list. We will have more information at the Post 16 evening or speak directly to the Subject Leader.

Trips and Visits

This course relies on experiences of business so there will be a range of local and national visits and internal speakers.

Previously we have taken students to **Cadbury World** and **New York**. They were able to see behind international businesses such as Nintendo and brands such as Macy's. They also took time to visit and tour the financial district (Wall Street). **New York is planned again for Oct 2018 and the department is off to Cadbury World on the 26th February!**

Career Pathway

This qualification will provide you with UCAS points to go to University or you can move into an Apprenticeship or employment. This qualification helps you with the knowledge and skills to move into business or onto the next stage of your academic career.

Many businesses like students to have some understanding of the workplace environment and through the range of teaching, learning and assessment strategies as well as the business contacts you will develop, this course places can help you get to the top of their list!

Should you like to receive any additional information on this course please contact Catherine Llewellyn – Head of Department