

VOCATIONAL BUSINESS

Level 3

OCR Cambridge
Technical Extended
Certificate

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is not essential that the subject has been studied for GCSE. However, if business has been studied at GCSE, then a grade 4 or above should have been achieved, or a Level 2 pass for a vocational course.

COURSE CONTENT

This is a two-year vocational course which will consist of the following:

- three mandatory units and two optional units, covering topics such as the business environment, working in business, events management, marketing and communications

Two of the units are examined, with at least one re-sit opportunity per exam.

EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

- three coursework units will be completed over the two years
- two examined units, one on the business environment (2 hours) and one on working in business (90 minutes), completed in January/June to give a re-sit opportunity in June/January
- each unit within the qualification has specified assessment and grading criteria which are to be used for grading purposes
- to achieve a 'pass' a learner must have satisfied **all** the pass or a near pass assessment criteria
- to achieve a 'merit' a learner must **additionally** have satisfied **all** the merit grading criteria
- to achieve a 'distinction' a learner must **additionally** have satisfied **all** the distinction grading criteria

The coursework units will be both internally and externally moderated. Examined units will be externally marked.

SKILLS, LINKS AND PROGRESSION

Vocational business courses have been running in this school for over 25 years. Their purpose and approaches to teaching, learning and assessment are established and understood by teaching professionals, employers and learners. Students are able to gain the whole range of grades and can use these qualifications to progress onto higher education courses or into the world of work.

Vocational business combines well with many other subjects, in particular French, German, English Language, geography and design. However, as many university courses now contain a business element, vocational business will combine with any subject at A Level.

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