

Level 3 OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate 05835	VOCATIONAL BUSINESS
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. 2025 will be the final entry year.
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
CONTACT	courses now contain a business element, vocational business will combine with any subject at A Level. Head of Vocational Business Studies: Mrs P Rainey paularainey@keswick.cumbria.sch.uk