

Year 12 Business A-Level Course Outline 2021 – 2022

		Students have 4 lessons per cycle/fortnight Homework is set every lesson.	
	Topic and approximate duration	Key learning areas	Flipped Learning and Consolidation Activities Students will be guided by the class teacher as to which task to complete All uploaded onto FireFly
ırm 1	Skills & content- based lessons on 1.1 Meeting Customer Needs	Students will start the year by undergoing a range of transition lessons to help them understand the basics of Business Studies and give them an insight into what they will be studying over the course of the year. Students will explore how a business aims to meet customers' needs through looking at different types of markets. They will look at the difference between niche and mass markets and the key characteristics of each. Students will also look at how market size and market share differ, and the effect of competition within the market.	Flipped learning and consolidation activities are set on Firefly before and after each lesson which are then drawn upon within the lesson.
Autumn Term	1.1 The market	Students will examine the concept of demand and supply and how various factors can affect the demand or supply of a product/service. Our students will use diagrams to illustrate these changes and link these to case studies, in order to improve their analysis skills. Students will understand the interaction between demand and supply and the concept of excess demand and excess supply. Our students will then explore current affairs when looking at demand and supply such as the fuel crisis and how the shortage of labour affects the supply of products/services. Students will learn how price elasticity of demand and income elasticity of demand can help a business determine their prices and the factors that	

		contribute to having either price elastic or price inelastic products/services.	
		Students will understand how to calculate and interpret the relationship	
		between price elasticity of demand and total revenue.	
	Assessments	Formative and summative assessments based on content covered and tests skills; recall, application and analysis. Students will analyse and interpret business case	
	1.3 Marketing Mix	Students will explore the concept of design within a business, looking at the	Flipped Learning and Consolidation activities
	and Strategy	design mix and how function, aesthetics and cost can impact the design of a	are set on Firefly before and after each lesson
		product. Students will look at the ethical issues within design and how social	which are then drawn upon within the lesson.
		trends can impact this. Students develop their learning of the impacts of	
		branding and promotion of a product and will explore concepts such as viral	
		marketing, social media and emotional branding.	
		Students will understand the different types of pricing strategies adopted by	
		businesses such as price skimming, penetration pricing, predatory pricing,	
		competitive pricing and psychological pricing. Students will look at the factors	
2		that determine this within a business.	
Autumn Term		Students will go on to explore the distribution channels used by a business, looking at various businesses such as Amazon and ASOS and exploring how their distribution channels differ in comparison to a brick and mortar business. Students will look at the different stages of the product life cycle and how a business can used the Boston Matrix to determine their marketing techniques.	
	1.4 Managing People	Students will look at various different human resource elements such as the different approaches to staffing and the recruitment and selection of a business. Students will explore the recruitment and selection process and the different types of on-the-job and off-the-job training. Students will look at how organisational structures differ in businesses based on	
		their workforce size and the nature of their business. Students will justify the	

		effectiveness of different chains of command within businesses and how the	
		organisational structure of a business can determine the success.	
		Students will examine the different theories of motivation such as Taylor, Herzberg and Maslow. They will also explore and evaluate the different types of financial and non-financial methods of training. Students will look at different types of leadership styles such as autocratic, paternalistic, democratic and laissez-faire and explore the different businesses that adopt these approaches and the impact of them.	
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Spring Term1	1.5 Entrepreneurs and Leaders	Students will look at the role of an entrepreneur and the qualities needed to be a successful entrepreneur. Students explore the idea of intrapreneurship and the barriers to entrepreneurship. Within this topic, students will be given a plethora of examples of entrepreneurs. Students will look at the motives behind starting a business such as profit maximisation and ethical reasons. Students will look at the different types of ownership within a business and how businesses can grow and eventually float on the stock exchange. Students will evaluate the possible trade-offs within entrepreneurship.	Flipped Learning and Consolidation activities are set on Firefly before and after each lesson which are then drawn upon within the lesson.
	2.1 Raising Finance	Students will look at the internal and external sources of finance of a business and the legal implications of liability. Our students will be expected to be able to both, interpret and create a cash-flow forecast and understand the possible limitations of having a cash flow forecast.	
	Assessments	Formative and summative assessments based on content covered and tests all sk analysis and evaluation	I kills; calculations, knowledge recall, application,

	2.2 Financial Planning	Students will look at the purpose of sales forecasting and will understand how to calculate sales, revenue and costs. Students will also explore the breakeven point and how to calculate breakeven using the concept of contribution. Students will be able to discuss the limitations of breakeven and be able to draw and interpret the graph for breakeven.	Flipped Learning and Consolidation activities are set on Firefly before and after each lesson which are then drawn upon within the lesson.
Spring Term 2	2.2 Menosins	Students will evaluate the impact of budgets and look at different budgets and use variance analysis to help with this. Students will also look at the difficulties with budgeting and explore and recommend to various businesses that may have failed due to budget issues.	
ldS	2.3 Managing Finance	Students will look at the different types of profits such as gross profit and NET profit and how these are calculated. Students will study how a business can measure profitability and be able to distinguish between profit and cash. Students will explore the concept of liquidity and how this can be measured	
		using the acid test ratio. Students will also look at business failure and evaluate the causes of business failure.	
	Assessments	Formative and summative assessment based on content covered and tests all sk analysis and evaluation. Students will have to develop their answers through essation to have an enquiring, critical and thoughtful approach to a case	ay-based questions where they will be expected
Summer Term 1	2.4 Resource Management	Students will look at the different types of production such as: job, batch, flow and cell. They will also explore the concept of productivity and efficiency within production and make recommendations of how this can be improved. Students will go on to look at capacity utilisation and how this can be measured within a business. Our students will explore the idea of stock control and the importance buffer stocks, whilst being able to illustrate this on a diagram.	Flipped Learning and Consolidation activities are set on Firefly before and after each lesson which are then drawn upon within the lesson.

.5 External Influences ssessments	Students will understand the concept of quality management and learn about the different ways a business can ensure quality in their products/services such as: Kaizen, Total Quality Management, Quality Control and Quality Assurance. Students will explore the concept of economic influences on a business. Economic influences include: inflation, exchange rates, interest rates, taxation and government spending and the business cycle. Students will evaluate how different businesses must adopt legislation based on the nature of their business and the industry they fall under. Students will analyse the positive and negative impact legislation can have on a business and look at businesses that have thrived or failed due to legislation. Formative and summative assessment based on content covered and tests all sk analysis and evaluation. Students will have to develop their answers through essation to have an enquiring, critical and thoughtful approach to a case	ay-based questions where they will be expected
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paring for End	Students will begin revision for their end of year exams. They will look through	Flipped Learning and Consolidation activities
of Year	past exam papers and complete exam-style questions to prepare for the exam.	are set on Firefly before and after each lesson
ssessment	Students will be able to go over any misconceptions using results from their previous in-class assessments.	which are then drawn upon within the lesson.
	Students will complete revision lessons using a variety of different techniques testing all exam skills; recall knowledge, application, analysis and evaluation.	
	Students will have the opportunity to complete exam practice questions and review model answers.	
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