

# BUSINESS

at SCGSG

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## Why study GCSE Business?

GCSE Business is an exciting and dynamic new subject choice at GCSE that helps you understand how businesses operate in the real world. Whether you're interested in launching your own business or working for a global company, this course equips you with essential skills such as problem-solving, decision-making, and critical thinking. You'll explore key topics like marketing, finance, operations and human resources, preparing you for success in an ever-changing economy. Studying GCSE Business will not only give you practical insights into the world around you but also help you develop a strong foundation for future studies and careers. We look at recent news stories and lots of interesting business case studies.

We believe you will find GCSE Business relevant, engaging and dynamic.



## Units in Business:

There are six units for GCSE Business – two core units which are assessed on both GCSE papers in the summer of Year 11 and four functional area units, two of which are assessed on each of the papers as shown below.

Assessment consists of two papers (50% of the GCSE per paper - 1hr 45mins each):

### Paper 1:

#### *Influences of operations and HRM on business activity*

- Business in the real world
- Influences on business
- Operations
- Human Resources

### Paper 2:

#### *Influences of marketing and finance on business activity*

- Business in the real world
- Influences on business
- Marketing
- Finance



## Next steps after GCSE Business

Choosing GCSE Business opens up a variety of exciting opportunities post-16. Many students progress to A-Level Economics. Here at Sutton Girls, the knowledge and skills gained can also support applications for Post-18 apprenticeships in industries such as finance, marketing, and management. In the long term, studying GCSE business can lead to careers in areas like entrepreneurship, law, finance, marketing, and human resource management, providing a solid platform for future success in the business world.