



# Certificate/Extended Certificate in Applied Business

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**Exam Board:** AQA

## Overview of the course:

The Applied Business course provides a broad understanding of business knowledge and skills to support progress to higher education and employment, and can be studied alongside other Level 3 qualifications, i.e. A Levels and/or other Level 3 Vocational qualifications

It will prepare students to take up employment in business and entrepreneurship, either directly after achieving the qualification or via higher education at university or college.

Studying the Applied Business Studies course will enable students to develop the fundamental knowledge and skills recognised as most important by higher education and employers.

It also offers students an opportunity to develop transferrable skills, such as teamwork, research and communication as part of their applied learning.

## What will you study?

It covers the fundamental business and entrepreneurial knowledge and skills associated with work within a business enterprise.

Students will undertake a programme of assessments designed to measure not only their knowledge and understanding of business, but also the way in which this knowledge and understanding can be applied to shape their practical skill in thinking and establishing their own business.

## Assessment

The Level 3 Extended Certificate is made up of five mandatory units plus one optional unit.

Unit title	Assessment type	Yr of study
Financial planning and analysis	External exam	Jan - Yr12
Business dynamics	Internally assessed	Yr12
Synoptic Assessment unit	Externally assessed	Yr12
Managing and leading people	External exam	Jan – Yr13
Synoptic assessment unit	Internally assessed	Yr13
One additional unit tbc	Internally assessed	Yr13

## Possible career path?

This qualification is aimed at students who wish to progress to higher education and/or pursue a career in Business and/or Business related subjects (e.g. management, finance, entrepreneurship.)

## Entry requirements

Ideally five GCSEs Grade 9-5, including English and Mathematics to Grade 5.