Bishop Walsh Catholic School Curriculum Summary: AQA GCSE Business



KS4	Autumn 1 (18hrs?)	Autumn 2 (15hrs?)	Spring 1 (14hrs?)	Spring 2 (14hrs?)	Summer 1 (14hrs?)	Summer 2 (14hrs?)
10	Business in the Real World (25hrs)		Marketing (25hrs)		Human Resources (15hrs)	Business Operations (15hrs)
Core Knowledge:	 The purpose and nature of businesses Business ownership Setting business aims and objectives 	 Stakeholders Business location Business planning Expanding a business 	 Identifying and understanding customers Segmentation The purpose and methods of market research 	• The elements of the marketing mix: price, product, promotion and place (4P's).	 Organisational structures Recruitment and selection of employees Motivating employees Training 	 Production processes The role of procurement The concept of quality Good customer service
Core skills:	 Use business terminology to identify and explain business activity. Apply business concepts to familiar and unfamiliar contexts. Explain how different business contexts affect business decisions. 	 Investigate, analyse and evaluate business opportunities and issues. 	The use and limitation of quantitative and qualitative data in making business decisions.	 Make justified decisions using both qualitative and quantitative data including its selection, interpretation, analysis and evaluation, and the application of appropriate quantitative skills. 	 Develop problem solving and decision making skills relevant to business. 	 Explain how different business contexts affect business decisions. Develop problem solving and decision making skills relevant to business.
Departmental Assessment:	 Baseline numeracy assessment. End of topic reviews. Sample/PP Questions (1-6 marks) 	 Key terms assessments. End of topic reviews. Sample/PP Questions (1-6 marks) 	 Key calculations. End of topic reviews. Sample/PP Questions (focus on 9 marks) 	 Marketing project. End of topic reviews. Sample/PP Questions (focus on 9 marks) 	 Key terms assessments. End of topic reviews. Sample/PP Questions (focus on 9/12 marks) 	 Numeracy assessment. End of topic reviews. Sample/PP Questions (focus on 9/12 marks)
Resources:	 Knowledge Organiser Booklet Glossary Retrieval Questions PowerPoint/T2u Online 	 Knowledge Organiser Booklet Glossary Retrieval Questions PowerPoint/T2u Online 	 Knowledge Organiser Booklet Glossary Retrieval Questions PowerPoint/T2u Online 	 Knowledge Organiser Booklet Glossary Retrieval Questions PowerPoint/T2u Online 	 Knowledge Organiser Booklet Glossary Retrieval Questions PowerPoint/T2u Online 	 Knowledge Organiser Booklet Glossary Retrieval Questions PowerPoint/T2u Online
Learning Cycles		Learning Cycle 1 – October		Learning Cycle 2 – February		Learning Cycle 3 – June

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11	Influences on Business (20hrs)		Finance (15hrs)		Exam Skills and Retrieval	
Core Knowledge:	 Technology Ethical and environmental considerations The economic climate on businesses 	 Globalisation Legislation Competitive environment 	 Sources of finance Cash flow Financial terms and calculations 	• Analysing the financial performance of a business	Knowledge Audit and Review	
Core skills:	The interdependent nature of business activity, influences on business, business operations, finance, marketing and human resources, and how these interdependencies underpin business decision making.	 Apply business concepts to familiar and unfamiliar contexts. Explain how different business contexts affect business decisions. 	Calculation: percentages and percentage changes averages revenue, costs and profit gross profit margin and net profit margin ratios Interpretation: Interpretation and use of quantitative data in business contexts to support, inform and justify business decisions. 	Calculation: percentages and percentage changes averages revenue, costs and profit gross profit margin and net profit margin ratios Interpretation: Interpretation and use of quantitative data in business contexts to support, inform and justify business decisions. 	 Understanding of assessment objectives (A0's). Exam skills. Use of connectives to develop depth in arguments. 	
Departmental Assessment:	 Key unit calculations. End of topic reviews. Sample/PP Questions (6- 12 marks) 	 Key terms assessment. End of topic reviews. Sample/PP Questions (6- 12 marks) 	 Calculations (as above) End of topic reviews. Sample/PP Questions 	 Calculations (as above) End of topic reviews. Sample/PP Questions 	N/A	
Resources:	 Knowledge Organiser Booklet Glossary Retrieval Questions 	 Knowledge Organiser Booklet Glossary Retrieval Questions 	 Knowledge Organiser Booklet Glossary Retrieval Questions 	 Knowledge Organiser Booklet Glossary Retrieval Questions 	Exam Success Booklet alongside previous accumulated resources.	
Learning Cycles		Learning Cycle 4 – Nov/Dec School Mock exams	Learning Cycle 5 – February additional mock exams		Public Examinations	