

Department Title:

The Business Education Department– A Level Accounting

Department Vision:

This course helps students to understand the responsibilities of the accountant and the impacts of their recommendations on the business and the wider environment. Students will build knowledge and understanding of key concepts, principles and techniques that they can apply to real-life scenarios, developing the ability to solve problems logically, analyse data methodically, make reasoned choices and communicate effectively.

Year 12:

Students will study both financial accounting and management accounting as a means of planning and decision making. They will build their analytical skills to demonstrate a good understanding of the double entry model and accounting principles and concepts. Quantitative skills are a key aspect of the course and students will have to demonstrate their skills in this area. Students will be expected to demonstrate knowledge of accounting formulae and use the results to inform judgements, solve problems and make decisions. Students will also develop their ability to write effectively so that they can report to stakeholders, making logical arguments and providing sound judgements based on an analysis of available evidence taking account of financial and non-financial factors.

Year 13:

Students will build upon the knowledge and understanding of AS Accounting and begin to develop an understanding of the principles of ethical behaviour. Students will be expected to keep up to date with financial news including announcements concerning the performance of leading UK businesses, and will be given the opportunity to investigate their published accounts. Additional areas of study during A Level Accounting (Yr13) include: standard costing and variance analysis, absorption and activity based costing, capital investment, accounting for organisations with incomplete records, partnership accounts, accounting for limited companies, interpretation, analysis and communication of accounting information and the impact of ethical considerations.

Assessment:

Paper 1

What's assessed

Sections 1-8, 14-18 of the subject content

How its assessed

Written exam: 3hours, 120 marks. 50% of A-level

Questions

Three compulsory sections:

Section A has 10 multiple choice questions and several short answer questions. The section is worth 30 marks.

Section B has two structured questions each worth 20 marks. The section is worth 40 marks.

Section C has two extended answer questions each worth 25 marks. The section is worth 50 marks.

Paper 2

What's assessed

Sections 1–3, 8–13, 17–18 of the subject content

How its assessed

Written exam: 3 hours, 120 marks

Questions

Three compulsory sections:

Section A has 10 multiple choice questions and several short answer questions. The section is worth 30 marks.

Section B has two structured questions each worth 20 marks. The section is worth 40 marks.