

## FAQs – Business Education

**Q: *What is studied in Business and do we have to have a GCSE in Business to do the subject?***

**A:** You do not need to have studied Business before to do the A'level or CTEC course. There are entry requirements based on English Language and Maths GCSE, but the main qualification you need is an interest in how business works in all its many forms, from marketing to accounts, resourcing to international commerce.

**Q: *How does the content differ between A' level and CTEC?***

**A:** A'level is a purely examined course with examinations at the end of the second year. CTEC is a mix of coursework and examined components which take place throughout the two years.

**Q: *Is there any coursework in A' level Business?***

**A:** There is no coursework component for A'level Business

**Q: *How many lessons will I have each week?***

**A:** For A'level and CTEC Single Award you will have 5 lessons a week – a total of 5 hours. CTEC Extended Diploma students have 14 hours of lessons a week.

**Q: *Will I have to do work outside lesson time?***

**A:** Homework and preparation tasks are set for both Business A'level and CTEC courses. You are expected to come to lessons prepared and to make good use of your private study time to complete homework and revise for assessments.

**Q: *How many exams are there?***

**A:** A'level Business consists of three two hour examinations, each equally weighted. You will answer multiple choice, short answer questions, data response questions and questions on a case study. There are also two longer essays. Questions can be on any of the topics studied during the course.

CTEC Single Award qualifications have two exams, Extended Diploma, six exams of either 90 minutes or 120 minutes. They consist of short and longer answer questions on specific topics. Some questions require calculations. The examination series is spread across four sessions over the course of the two years to allow plenty of time for preparation. Unit resits are possible to improve overall grades if necessary.

**Q: Will I get a qualification at the end of the first year if I do not want to continue?**

**A:** All Business Level 3 qualifications are two year courses, meaning final grades are only possible at the end of two years.

**Q: Do you have links with businesses and take students on visits to businesses or trips?**

**A:** Yes, we have strong links to a range of local, national and international businesses and you will hear many guest speakers during your time at QMC – in some cases, business leaders have offered work placements and jobs to our students during or after events. We arrange fact-finding and study visits to key businesses, seminars and events. There is also an annual visit to New York.

**Q: What careers can I go into if I do business as a degree?**

**A:** The list of potential careers resulting from a Business degree is vast. Many graduates go on to work in the world's largest companies, with finance and marketing popular choices. You may also be inspired to become an entrepreneur yourself and set up your own business.

**Q: How many students go on to university?**

**A:** Most of our students will continue in education, many going to university to pursue a business related degree. Degree apprenticeships are also increasingly common choices as employers pay a wage and fund further study.

**Q: If students do not go to university what apprenticeships or employment opportunities are available to them?**

**A:** During your time at QMC we will focus on the range of apprenticeships and employment opportunities available. Our courses have 'employability' built in and we will prepare you for interviews and group recruitment events. We also have good links to employers and give you access to Unifrog which updates local apprenticeship offers every 24 hours.