

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The Business and Economics department is an enthusiastic team of 3 full time teachers. We are housed in our own suite of 3 classrooms and are based within the sixth form block. The department is well resourced and all members of the department are very knowledgeable and passionate about the subject area. The department is proud of the fact that it continues to be one of the most popular choices for students at both KS4 and KS5. Results are historically strong and impressive in terms of both added value and students attaining the highest grades.

Take up for GCSE Business is always very high and has been the most popular option subject over the past two years. We currently follow the WJEC GCSE Business studies course and this is both a very enjoyable and accessible syllabus for our students. Our results are consistently good and students gain an excellent grasp of the theory and many then look to take on the subject further at A level by either studying Business or Economics.

We offer both A level Business (AQA) and A level Economics (AQA) and results in recent years have been amongst the best in the school. The number of students that opt for a business or economics related degree is something that the department is very pleased about. The results for Economics have been ranked on the ALPS system as being consistently in the top 25% nationally and on average we have achieved an A*-B pass rate of 75% in the last 3 years.

The A level Business course continues to attract large numbers of students and is also a very popular choice for students. The grades attained are not quite as impressive as those achieved in Economics but the average value added is always significantly high and what is also very pleasing is the retention rates of all students at sixth form – very few students look to drop either Economics or Business after Year 12 as they enjoy the subjects and the quality of the teaching. The results for Business have been ranked on the ALPS system as being consistently in the top 25% nationally and on average we have achieved an A*-B rate of 67% in the last 2 years.

We have enjoyed remarkable success in terms of the Young Enterprise competition in the last 10 years, consistently winning the Gloucestershire final and then going on to compete at the South West finals. In 2012, our team The Vitamin Boom went on and won the whole UK competition and represented the UK at the international finals. We look to run 2 teams each year as well as entering students into the BASE competition.

We are looking for a highly motivated colleague who will make a strong contribution to what is already a successful team. An ability to teach A-level Business is essential and a willingness to be involved with the range of activities that the department provides. Above all, we are looking for an excellent classroom practitioner with a passion for the subject.

I wish you luck in your application. Please contact me if you have any questions, either by phone or at lp@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

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