

Improve your Business Studies GCSE Grade

During the academic Year

- Keep your file and exercise book organised and updated with all notes and class activities.
- If you are absent make sure you see the teacher and ask for the work you have missed.
- GCSE Business Studies have a lot of contents – make your revision cards/notes as you study a topic. These can then be used for revision for class tests, end of term assessments and final year examination.
- It is important to broaden your business knowledge and understanding of the business world by listening to or reading daily business news.
- Listen to local and national and international news.
- The business world is dynamic and fast paced, use the following mediums to access business news: television, radio, social media such as Facebook and Tweeter and newspapers.
- Make a glossary of Key Words as you go along, make sure you know what they all mean.

Revision

- Use the unit specification to learn the topics so you can write revision cards for each topic
- Plan a revision timetable at the end of year 10 and use it to start revising for your final exam in year 11
- Revise the topics you find the hardest – not the easy ones!
- Make sure you are asking your teacher for help when you come across things you can't remember or understand.
- Practice several past papers, they are available on the AQA website. Use the examiner reports and mark schemes to check your understanding.
- Use this knowledge to plan your revision. It is good to do the same paper again, and see how you have progressed.
- Check your answer with a buddy or your teacher
- Always apply the PEEL principle when answering all questions, especially when answering the long questions.

Taking the Exam

- You should be well revised and knowledgeable of the subject contents and structure of the exam papers, so don't panic – this is where you get to show off all that you have learnt.
- Read the questions well – make sure you understand what it is asking.
- Underline key words or instructions if this helps.
- Carefully read the case study – underline key phrases and key word.
- Look at the number of marks the question is worth.
- The rule is 1 mark per minute to help with timing. I.e. a 3 mark question should take 3 minutes.
- Do not leave any questions unanswered, especially the long questions as they will get you the A and A* grades. Have an educated guess if you are not sure of the answer.
- Proof read your answers to check for grammatical and spelling mistakes.
- Re- read the case study before linking your answer back to the question to make good justification and conclusions.