



Business Department Information



Business is a thriving subject, with courses offered at both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5. The department is small, friendly and enthusiastic, and shares an office with the Languages department. The majority of our post-16 learners choose to study at Northgate having previously attended secondary schools across South Suffolk, resulting in a positive and diverse student intake.

The department currently offers the following courses:

- A Level Business (AQA)
- GCSE Business (Edexcel)
- GCSE Economics (OCR)

Teaching within the department is dynamic and student centered, contributing to strong academic outcomes and growing GCSE and A Level cohorts in recent years. There is a clear whole-school focus on teaching and learning excellence, supported by active CPD opportunities. Students benefit from modern facilities, including IT provision and a purpose-built Sixth Form Centre. The department has a comprehensive and well-maintained bank of digital resources, which are easily accessible to both staff and students.

Enrichment is a key strength of the department. At Key Stage 5, the team runs a highly successful Year 12 Young Enterprise programme, providing students with valuable real-world experience of entrepreneurship, teamwork and leadership. In addition, students are encouraged to take part in a range of entrepreneurial competitions and enterprise-based opportunities, further enhancing their commercial awareness and employability skills.