



Business Studies & Economics

Business Studies and Economics are taught within the Social Sciences faculty. Both subjects are highly popular options at GCSE and A level and we achieve excellent results.

GCSE Business Studies is delivered from the AQA Specification (4133) and is assessed by controlled assessment (25%) and external exam (75%). From September 2012 we will have 2 year 10 and 2 year 11 mixed ability classes.

BTEC Level 2 Business will be introduced to the KS4 curriculum from September 2012.

GCSE Economics is one of our unique selling points at The Ridgeway School as very few comprehensive schools offer it. We use the OCR specification which is assessed by external examination only. There is one class in year 10 and one in year 11.

A Level Business Studies

We currently offer the Applied GCE in Business through AQA and have strong numbers for both AS and A2 in 2012/2013.

A Level Economics

Economics A level has traditionally been a popular subject at The Ridgeway School and we have good numbers on both the AS and A2 courses. We teach the OCR specification.

The Team

Name	Job Title	Departmental Responsibility
Lucy Dunne	Faculty Leader	Faculty Leader Business Studies AS & A2 Business Studies GCSE BETC Business (level 2) Economics AS & A2
Sarah Scott	Teacher of Psychology & Teacher of English	Psychology A level
Matthew Webber	Acting Assistant Head of English & Teacher of Sociology	Sociology A level
Vacancy	Teacher	Economics AS & A2 Economics GCSE Business Studies AS & A2 Business Studies GCSE BTEC Business (level 2)

Resources

The department is well resourced with two dedicated Business / Economics classrooms, containing with 35 networked PCs and each room has its own interactive white board. All teachers have a personal laptop.

There is a vast range of teaching resources, both electronic and paper based and a choice of current textbooks.

We have developed a strong network with local businesses and have contacts with Nationwide, Starbucks, MiShake, Experience Paintball and other small enterprises. Good industry links are considered a vital resource for delivering our subjects.

Results 2011

GCSE	% A*-A	% A*-C	National % A*-C	% A*-G
Business	21.6	84.3	67.4	100
Economics	14.0	73.0	80.2	100

A Level	% A*, A, B	National % A*-B	% A*- E
Business	38.0	37.4	100
Economics	54	64.5	100

Ethos

To develop and encourage every student to become a critical observer of the world of business and the economy; to teach independent learning skills and to nurture a sense of pride in any task undertaken to enable them to achieve their potential both at school and in their chosen career.

