

## **GCSE Business**

### **Who should take business?**

*Anyone with an interest in the world of work and how it operates. Whether you want to start a business or you think you will be working in another organisation, there are lots of topics that will be useful for the future.*

### **What do you do in business?**

*We cover lots of different topics and most students have their favourites and least favourite topics! A typical lesson will involve some new material being presented, followed by a class discussion about it. Then we usually look at topics from the point of view of a real business. For example, we look at how businesses grow and then investigate Eddie Stobart and JD Sports to see how some businesses own lots of other businesses. We form mini companies in one lesson and see how it feels to merge and takeover those businesses. When we look at employment law we have a mock tribunal to see if certain employees should have lost their jobs or not. Another topic is market research and we carry out our own investigations into a number of new products.*

### **Do you think I would like business?**

*Are you interested in the news and what is going on in the world? Do you like thinking about what work in the future is going to be like for you? Do you like discussing issues and thinking about what you would do in certain situations? If so, then you might like business.*

### **Is business hard?**

*This is an interesting question as it depends who you ask at which stage of the course! The first topics in Year 10 are easier as they provide the basics of business, but Year 11 gets harder, with the finance topic and more complex topics such as the impact on businesses of the economic cycle and exchange rates.*

### **Are students set by ability for business?**

*No, the business groups are mixed ability.*