



Business A Level Exam Information

Summer 2022

Subject: Y13 A-level Business – Important Update (revision and topics to revise)

I am writing to update you on a number of key areas regarding A-level Business relating to both the up and coming mocks in March and the summer exams / new topics that have been released by our exam board (EDUQAS) and the Government.

1. Revision

We will re-start Y13 A-level Business revision sessions on a Tuesday after school until the summer exams. This is particularly important for the up and coming Y13 mocks in late March where there will be three Business mock papers, which will all take place within lesson time.

These revision sessions give students additional time and support to ensure topics are fully developed in preparation for the mocks in March and summer 2022 exams. Myself, Miss Wolsey and Mrs Dennis will be present to support students each week for these crucial sessions. Each teacher will revise a topic in a short 15/20min session, with students then moving around to the next session, meaning they will revise three separate topics in one after school session. We adopted this strategy in preparation for the Dec 2021 mocks and it worked really well. **Please encourage your child to attend these sessions.**

Y13 A-level Business Revision: 3.20pm – 4.10pm (Every Tuesday after school)

Where: B213 - Mr Kelly, B25-Miss Wolsey) and B29-Mrs Dennis

2. Thank you

Thank you for supporting the department and your child in paying for the A-level Business Helen Coupland-Smith Workshop, which took place on Monday 14th February. A great event focused on knowledge, revision and exam skills from two industry experts at A-level Business and Economics. This will help reinforce key topics and how best to go about answering an exam question in preparation for the March mock and summer exams. We will continue to work on these skills in lessons and revision sessions.

3. A-level Business: Topics to be examined in the March mock period

Now that we know the topic areas, this new set of mocks in March is a fantastic opportunity for the students to be given a mock on the exact topic areas they will be assessed on in the summer.

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
13B Comp 1 - Mon 7th March (double lesson) - Mr Kelly	13B Comp 2 - Mon 14th March (double lesson) - Mrs Dennis	Dates TBC
13A Comp 1 - Tues 8th March (double lesson) – Miss Wolsey	13A Comp 2 - Thurs 17th March (double lesson) – Mr Kelly	Dates TBC
13C Comp 1 - Fri 11th March (double lesson) – Miss Wolsey	13C Comp 2 - Tues 15th March (double lesson) – Mr Kelly	Dates TBC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economies of Scale - Types of goods - Breakeven - Costs, revenue & profit - Product Life Cycle - Markets Monopoly / oligopoly / PED - Cash Flow - Ratios - GPM / NPM - Technology - Demand and Supply - Absenteeism / staff productivity / labour turnover 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data Analysis / Market Analysis - Budgets (favourable / adverse) / causes and solutions - Balance Sheets (working capital / capital employed) - Depreciation - Porter's Five Forces Framework - Non-financial performance* - PED - Decision Trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk - Economic - Financial performance: GPM / NPM / Acid Test / Gearing ratios (Comp 2 topics - but which are asked for in Comp 3). <p>We will cover a full Comp 3 paper once the whole unit is completed later in the year.</p>

4. Resources / how parents can support

- a) **Please encourage your child to attend these weekly sessions (Tuesday after school)**
- b) **Student organisation is key** - students should start organising / revising their class notes in preparation for the mocks. They should create a revision timetable for outside of school time
- c) **Parents can test students at home** with these materials. Ask your child to show you where the resources are and you can question them on topics (once they have revised it).
- d) **Staff revising with students in lessons** - Staff will be revising and re-visiting topics in lesson time as to ensure students are ready for the mock in March.
- e) **Key resources:**
 - i. **March Mock Topics** – see table above
 - ii. **Summer Exam Topics** – see below
 - iii. **Showbie** – where all resources are found.
 - iv. **Knowledge Organisers** – These were created by the exam board and are available for every topic – we thoroughly recommend these – these are on Showbie.
 - v. **E-Textbook** – also on Showbie
 - vi. **A6 Flash cards** – Create these to revise and revisit topics
 - vii. **Past Papers** – these can be found on Showbie (with mark schemes) to support students. These are also found in student folders / books.
 - viii. **Blended Learning (online interactive exam board materials)**– Eduqas
 - <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/home/student-support/revision-resources/blended-learning/>
- f) **Exam technique (so important – 50% of all marks awarded go to exam technique. 50% to knowledge)**
 - i. **BLT – Analysis!** *‘I think this **B**ecause.... This will **L**ead to.... **T**herefore....’*
 - ii. **AJIM – Answer the question. Justify with evidence. In Contrast...** (opposing view), **M**ost importantly, make judgement (which option is best). Offer an additional solution to how the business could further improve (including short and long term factors).
- g) **Electronic Videos / Resources**
 - i. Tutor2U – this website is brilliant!
 - ii. Eduqas Website
 - iii. BBC Bitesize
 - iv. E-Revision – tasks
 - v. YouTube
 - Bizconsesh
 - Two Teachers

5. Topics confirmed by EDUQAS for the summer 2022 exams

Component 1

A Level Component 1 – Business Opportunities and Functions

Business Opportunities
Enterprise
Markets
Business revenue and costs

Business Functions	
Marketing	The marketing mix
	Product
	Place
	New technology
	Decisions about the marketing mix
Finance	Cash flow forecasting
	Ratio analysis
People in organisations	Management and leadership
	Workforce performance
Operations management	Productivity
	Technology
	Research and development (R&D)
	Economies of scale

Quantitative Skills
Calculate, use and understand ratios, averages and fractions
Calculate, use and understand percentages and percentage changes
Construct and interpret a range of standard graphical forms
Calculate cost, revenue, profit and break-even
Use and interpret quantitative and non-quantitative information in order to make decisions
Interpret, apply and analyse information in written, graphical and numerical forms

Component 2**A level Component 2 – Business Analysis and Strategy**

Data analysis
Market analysis
Analysing financial performance
Analysing non-financial performance
Aims and objectives
Strategy and implementation
Decision-making models

Quantitative Skills
Calculate, use and understand ratios, averages and fractions
Calculate, use and understand percentages and percentage changes
Construct and interpret a range of standard graphical forms
Calculate cost, revenue, profit and break-even
Interpret values of price and income elasticity of demand
Use and interpret quantitative and non-quantitative information in order to make decisions
Interpret, apply and analyse information in written, graphical and numerical forms

Component 3

A level Component 3 – Business in a Changing World

Risk management
Economic factors
Environmental factors
International trade
Globalisation
The European Union

Quantitative Skills
Use and interpret quantitative and non-quantitative information in order to make decisions
Interpret, apply and analyse information in written, graphical and numerical forms

End of advance information

6. Summer Exam Dates

- Comp 1 – PM Wednesday 25th May 2022
- HALF TERM
- Comp 2 – AM Thursday 9th June 2022
 - Comp 3 – AM Thursday 16th June 2022
 - exams are all 2hrs 15mins each (for 3 X Papers)

If you have any queries, then please feel free to make contact with any of us Business teachers.

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