



Our Vision for Business at Lister

The effects of business activities are felt across the lives of all people, whether they own a business, invest their savings in shares, are employed or are a consumer. Therefore, studying business helps students understand how business activities have an impact on the lives of everyone. We want our students to develop their critical and reflective thinking skills in order to understand the impact of business on individuals and wider society through their roles as consumers and employees. We want students to be able to use their skills and knowledge and to underpin the decisions that they make inside and beyond the classroom.

What do we teach in KS4 Business?

GCSE Business Studies students study themes which concentrate on key business concepts. This includes the issues and skills involved in starting and running a small business. Students are introduced to varying local and national business contexts, from small UK businesses to large transnational organisations. They develop an understanding of how these contexts impact business behaviour and decisions.

Students examine how a business develops beyond the start-up phase. They focus on key business concepts, issues and decisions used to grow a business, and they consider the impact of the wider world on the decisions a business makes as it grows. Students develop an understanding of the interdependent nature of business activity and the environment in which it operates. These concepts will support students' understanding of the wider world and prepare them for life after Lister by understanding that there is value in encouraging entrepreneurship. The course helps students with utilising knowledge and understanding in order to prepare students to make sensible judgements about financial products and services (saving and borrowing, mortgages and credit cards etc) in the future.

PSHCE, SMSC Links:

Students are taught about British values by considering how Business should be conducted within wider society, using real life contexts to examine current issues and how business impacts current affairs. Students are also taught a range of employability skills such as CV and application form writing, alongside interview skills. Furthermore, there is an emphasis on developing a range of life skills that are transferable and increase employability, e.g. organisation skills, time management, creative thinking, problem solving, communication, diplomacy and financial management. Students understand their rights as employees, entrepreneurs and consumers and their responsibilities in order to become well rounded members of society.

Students are encouraged to explore ethical and contextual issues such as discrimination and racism in the work environment through application of employment legislation to Business, they consider the remedial actions and forward planning that businesses should take.

Extra - Curricular:

Students are provided with opportunities for enrichment, through practical enterprise and workshops facilitated by external providers that enhance knowledge and skills. These experiences are further enriched on SLD (super learning days), which provides our students with contextual scenarios that develop a broader understanding of business and the wider world.