

Vocational Business



Exam Board

OCR

Qualification

Cambridge Technicals in Business/Careers Academy programme

Entry Requirements

No formal qualifications are required by OCR but it is strongly recommended that students have level 2 maths and English C or above.

Content (Outline of Course)

Students are able to complete a 1-year or 2-year programme resulting in an AS or A2 equivalent qualification.

Certificate (AS) – 2 units, 1 mandatory and 1 option. Unit 1 (external exam) and one optional unit (Coursework or exam)

Extended Certificate (A2) – 5 units – 3 mandatory units (Unit 1 and 2 - externally examined, and 3 other units internally marked and externally moderated).

This qualification will provide learners with the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress into Higher Education (HE) on a business-related programme such as Business, Business Management, Marketing, Business and Finance, Business and Economics, Accounting, and Certificate or Diploma in Human Resource Management. It will also allow learners to choose non-business related degree programmes.

Successful candidates within the Diploma group may be selected to take part in the Careers ready programme. This is a major national Business Studies-related programme designed to provide a powerful introduction to the world of business through close association with companies in the Newcastle area. The course is designed to incorporate the integration of the Business world assisted through various experiences:

- 6-week paid internship with a company towards the end of the first year of study
- A business mentor to provide guidance and support
- Business 'guru' lectures
- Visits, business seminars, simulations, enterprise events

Assessment

Students are expected to build portfolios of evidence for each optional unit studied as well as prepare for 2 external exams (entitled to one re-sit). The optional units are internally assessed and externally moderated. The assessment of units can take place at a time that is appropriate for students and the school (i.e. a student can present a unit for assessment as required).

Students will be awarded the following grades if successful:

Pass – equivalent to grade E at A-Level

Merit – equivalent to grade C at A-Level

Distinction – equivalent to grade A at A-Level

Distinction* – equivalent to grade A* at A-Level

Careers Guidance

Business is one of the most popular subject areas offered by most exam boards. Businesses are the heart of the economy. They develop innovation, create wealth within communities and lead the way in enhancing the skills of the UK workforce. The OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Business encapsulate this through a wide range of units. It is an ideal foundation for students entering the workplace or moving on to higher education, providing them with a theoretical background reinforced with practical skills that transfer into the modern workplace.