

BUSINESS GCSE

Exam board: AQA

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/business/specifications/AQA-8132-SP-2017.PDF>

Resources needed for revision:

- Each student has a revision folder containing revision materials and notes from this year
- Revision guide and workbook available from the Business Department or Amazon
- Access to on-line revision <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zpsvr82>
- <http://www.businessed.co.uk/index.php/home/theory/gcse/edexcel-gcsetheory>
- <http://beta.tutor2u.net/business/topics>
- Business exercise books
- Exam technique booklet is available on the OLC

Top revision tips:

- Learn the formulae and numerical aspects for the GCSE Business Course – Costs/Revenue/ Profit /Net Profit Margin/Gross Profit Margin/ Cash flow/ ARR/ Breakeven
- Revise areas of weakness not strengths!
- Topics 3.1 and 3.2 are covered on both papers so you need to have really solid knowledge of these topics as there is lots of scope for them to be tested
- Paper 1 covers 3.1/3.2/3.3/3.4
- Paper 2 covers 3.1/3.2/3.5/3.6
- Keep working through the Key Terms guide you have been given; there are lots of new key terms on the specification and these are likely to be tested in the first year
- Make sure you can correctly calculate financial equations and show your workings
- Remember that you will get calculation questions on both papers and this could include percentage changes (general numeracy, not Business specific)
- Use your revision guide, notes or <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zpsvr82> to revise a topic and make a revision summary in a different format such as mind map, revision cards or poster.
- Practice answering a range of questions using your PPQ pack
- Practice using connective words e.g. 'this will lead to...' 'because...' 'therefore...' etc. this means you are developing your point and looking at the impact.
- Ensure that your answers are consistently in context to the case studies provided – think Who? What? When? Where? Why?
- 9 mark questions need a conclusion/judgment, what do you think? Why? Why better than the other? Make sure to get off the fence.
- 12 mark questions require you to reflect holistically across the specification about how two issues affect a business and make links between functional areas within your judgment

Year 11 Business Session 3 Revision Schedule 2019

Below is the list of dates when Year 11 Business revision will be running in Session 3. The aim of the lessons is to target key areas where, with support, you can improve your performance in the examinations. Most sessions will run twice a week, both sessions each week will be the same topic/theme. All Session 3 to take place in RA2. Please come prepared with your revision folders and any examination PPQ packs you have been given. If you wish to cover an alternative topic in Session 3 eg if you are struggling with a particular element of the specification or examination technique, please speak to your teacher to arrange this. Your teacher may also have some flexibility to offer Session 3 on an alternative day if you are unable to attend due to compulsory Session 3 in core subjects, but this is dependent on the teacher's other commitments.

Date	Topic to be covered
Tues 5 th Feb Thurs 7 th Feb	Exploring the exam papers Focusing on the layout and style of the papers, what you should expect to see in the summer examinations.
Tues 12 th Feb Thurs 14 th Feb	Killer topics Looking at the topics we know students traditionally find hard, the areas which are key term heavy, technical or challenging. Understanding these areas can make the difference between grades!
Tues 26 th Feb Thurs 28 th Feb	Exam Technique Looking at the structure of the papers and the different types of examination technique required – from MCQs, to SAQs to longer responses. Exploring how to be best use your time in the exam hall to get the marks!
Tues 5 th Mar Thurs 7 th Mar	Business in the real world revision These topics are tested on BOTH papers and so you need to have a strong understanding of this part of the specification. From ownership to aims and objectives, stakeholders to location.
Tues 12 th Mar Thurs 14 th Mar	Influences on Business revision These topics are tested on BOTH papers and so you need to have a strong understanding of this part of the specification. Looking at the external influences on Business, from interest rates to exchange rates, ethics to the law.
Tues 19 th Mar Thurs 21 st Mar	Numeracy/Calculations throughout the papers Numerical analysis – the use of graphs, charts etc is a key skill throughout both Paper 1 and Paper 2 – this session will focus on the skills you need to be able to show to secure a top score on these questions!
Tues 26 th Mar Thurs 28 th Mar	Marketing revision Market research, segmentation, the product life cycle, Boston Matrix and the 4Ps of the marketing mix.
Tues 2 nd Apr Thurs 4 th Apr	Operations revision Paper 1 topic. This part of the specification is very key term heavy and has some new areas– we will be expecting these areas to be tested! From methods of production, to quality, efficiency, supply chain management and procurement – lots of topics you need to understand!
Tues 9 th Apr Thurs 11 th Apr	People revision Looking at the role of people within businesses; from organisation charts to motivation and training. Lots of past paper questions and business scenarios to understand the context of this key function in business.
Easter Holidays	All students will be provided with a revision pack of tasks and exam style questions. This should be completed during the two week break and brought into your first lesson with your teacher for review.
Tues 30 th Apr Thurs 2 nd May	Finance revision Paper 2 topic. From basic calcs, to cash flow to the financial documents and ratios you need to know! A focused session exploring this key area of the specification.
Tues 7 th May Thurs 9 th May	Developing your application and analysis skills This session will focus on the case study information you could expect to see in the examination and will focus on how you can use the context provided to build your application and analysis within exam responses – vital skills!
Tues 14 th May Thurs 16 th May	Answering the longer questions – 9 and 12 mark questions This session will focus on the longer mark questions you will see on each paper – specifically the challenging 9 and 12 mark questions. We will use model answers with examiner feedback to focus on what the examiner wants to see.
Tues 21 st May Thurs 23 rd May	Final Paper 1 revision session Exam is on Friday 24 th May. This will focus primarily on the People and Operations aspects of the course, as well as touching on Business in the Real World and Influences on Business.
Mon 3 rd June	Final Paper 2 revision session Exam is on Tuesday 4 th June. This will focus primarily on the marketing and finance aspects of the course, as well as touching on Business in the Real World and Influences on Business.