Business Studies and Economics Department

The Business Studies and Economics Department aims to contribute to the education of the students at Saint Joseph’s College. We are concerned with the academic progress, developing new skills and providing challenging opportunities so that we play a part in developing the whole person and preparing for life after school.

**The curriculum**

Business Studies and Economics are offered in the sixth-form and Enterprise Education is an experience provided for all year 10 students.

The work is designed and selected to provide an engaging, meaningful and effective way to draw young people into a greater understanding of and a preparation for the world of work and life beyond the college, whether it be via higher education or directly into employment or an apprenticeship.

**KEY STAGE 4 DETAILS**

Enterprise Education is a programme for all of Year 10 pupils. The process begins in early May when the scheme is outlined to the students and they apply for jobs in the various companies. Following interviews the Managing Directors are appointed and the groups are assembled. In mid – June the pupils first meet in their companies and begin to make decisions such as product, roles and company name. Following a “Dragon’s Den” experience they are awarded funding and can order materials etc. that they will need during “Enterprise Week”. During this week they have a variety of challenges to test and develop their team building, time management and problem solving abilities. The school Summer Fayre, provides an opportunity for the companies to sell the items which they have produced; it is supported by the PTFA. The experience ends in an award ceremony where winners are announced and the pupils then allocate their profit for distributio0n amongst themselves and make donations to their chosen charities.

**KEY STAGE 5 DETAILS**

Business Studies

Currently students follow they course offered by AQA at A Level

There are 3 Papers which are sat at the end of Year 13

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| Year 12 |  |  |
| Term 1 | The Nature and Purpose of Business | Managers, Leadership and Decision Making |
| Term 2 | Improving Marketing Performance | Improving Operational Performance |
| Term 3 | Improving Financial Performance | Improving Human Resources Performance |

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| Year 13 |  |  |
| Term 1 | Analysing the Strategic {Position of the Firm | How to Pursue strategies |
| Term 2 | Choosing Strategic Direction | Managing Strategic Change  |
| Term 3 | Revision and exam preparation | Revision and exam preparation |

Economics

Currently students follow the course offered by AQA at A Level

There are 3 Papers which are sat at the end of Year 13

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| Year 12 | Micro Economics | Macro Economics |
| Term 1 | Economic ProblemDemand and SupplyProduction and Efficiency | Macro in theoryMacro in practice |
| Term 2 | Market FailureGovernment Failure | Macro Policies |
| Term 3 | Business Economics | Finance |

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| Year 13 |  |  |
| Term 1 | Business Economics | Globalisation, Balance of Payments, Exchange Rates,European Union |
| Term 2 | Labour Markets, Wage Rates, Trade Unions, Government Intervention, Public Ownership, Competition, Cost-Benefit Analysis | Macro policies |
| Term 3 | RevisionExaminations | RevisionExaminations |