

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND FINANCE AT WADDES DON

Through their study of Business, Economics and Finance, we aim to develop students' understanding of the main aspects of business operations, including HR, finance, marketing and operations.

With this knowledge, students are able to practise forming arguments and making decisions and recommendations, based on material seen for the first time and using their increasing awareness of current issues in the business world. The courses we teach serve as a helpful introduction to Business courses at higher levels and work-based routes, both of which are popular amongst our students.

Students have the opportunity to take part in a number of enterprise activities and competitions throughout the course, including the Student Investor Challenge involving teams of students investing in two portfolios of stocks.

Economics students also benefit from speakers visiting the school who in recent years have included entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and CEOs, as well as representatives of the Bank of England and large companies.

The Business, Economics and Finance team comprises four subject specialist staff who have a range of experience in education and private industry. The team are collaborative and supportive, sharing resources and lesson ideas, as well as best practice from their own specialisms and experience. Lessons take place in two dedicated teaching rooms and two IT rooms where each member of staff is based.

We follow Edexcel Business GCSE and A level, Edexcel Economics and the LIBF Finance in Year 13. There is also a fully-resourced personal finance course that is delivered to the whole of Year 8

on rotation and which was new for 2024.

All of the KS4 and KS5 courses are well established and resourced and achieve results that are significantly above the national average at KS4 and judged to be outstanding by ALPs each year in terms of progress. Our students progress to a range of higher apprenticeships and university courses including at Oxbridge and Russell Group universities where they often take Business, Economics or Finance-related courses.

The school is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and knowledgeable Teacher of Business and Economics who is looking for a position in a successful and supportive business department. The ideal candidate will be a strong advocate for the business, economics and finance education as well as fostering a deeply held belief that teachers make a difference to young people through their positive relationships and excellent teaching.

Finally, the successful candidate will have a clear view of the lasting benefits of outstanding education provided by committed and knowledgeable teachers and will have the desire to work at a school which prizes student development and the promotion of positive values at the heart of its day-to-day practice.

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