

A Level Accounting

(AQA – www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/accounting/as-and-a-level/accounting-7127)

Did you know?

King Edwards is the only school in Staffordshire to offer Accounting at A level

• Why study Level Accounting?

The new A Level Accounting course introduces students to the basic accounting concepts and principles which will prepare them for a career in accounting and finance. The Accounting A level provides an excellent foundation for the further study of accountancy at degree level or at entry level for the profession on an apprenticeship programme. Whilst for those students looking for a future career in business, but not wishing to specialise in accounts, the course provides an excellent introduction to the basic level of accounting knowledge required of all non-financial business managers.

• What skills will I gain from studying Accounting?

The A Level Accounting course teaches students the fundamental building blocks of accounts that are used in all businesses. From understanding basic double entry, and the preparation of cashbooks, students will move onto preparing accounts from a trial balance for small business, and at the end of the course will be completing accounts for limited companies and learning to analyse both financial accounts as well as the management accounts used by businesses in their day to day running.

• Where can Accounting lead?

A Level Accounting can lead directly to studying an accounting degree at university, whilst it also supports students wishing to follow degree courses in business, finance and management. However, given the direct application of accounting to the business world, the accounting A level also gives students the skills and understanding required for direct entry into the financial departments of businesses and leads naturally to the AAT professional accounting qualification (and subsequently onto ACA, CIMA or ACCA).

• How will I be assessed?

A Level – This is examined through two exam papers each three hours long. Both papers have three sections which will consist of:

- **Section A** - Multiple choice and short response questions
- **Section B** - Structured calculations
- **Section C** - Extended written questions

All exams are sat at the end of Year 13

A Level Accounting students achieve outstanding results and consistently outperform the national average:

- In 2016 - **50%** of A Level Accounting students achieved **A*- B** grades (34% higher than the national average!)
- **A level performance** by Accounting students (as measured by progress) was the **joint best in the school** in 2016!