



Business, Economics and Accounting Department

The Business, Economics and Accounting department at King Edward VI School is a well-established department, with stable and experienced staffing, achieving consistently high levels of attainment and progress over many years.

The Head of Department is supported by four members of staff teaching approximately 340 students across the following range of subjects at KS3 and KS4:

- GCSE Business (Edexcel) - Yr10 x4 classes; Yr11 x4 classes
- A Level Business (OCR) - Yr12 x3 classes; Yr13 x3 classes
- A Level Economics (OCR) - Yr12 x2 classes; Yr13 x2 classes
- A Level Accounting (AQA) - Yr12 x1 class; Yr13 x1 class

Including the Head of Department (currently) there are 5 members of staff who teach Business (GCSE and A Level), three that teach Economics and two that teach Accounting, with the majority of lessons delivered from three designated “business” classrooms which are based in the sixth form block.

The department are able to provide a real-life insight into the world of Business having worked in a variety of roles in both the public and private sector. Industry experience of staff in the department includes: Accountancy, Audit, Banking, Sales, Marketing, Retail and Recruitment.

The high levels of academic success across both GCSE and A level courses result in the more than half of all GCSE Business students continuing to study Business / Economics / Accounting at A-Level, whilst between 70%-80% of students that study Business, Economics or Accounting at A level chose to study a business-related degree at university.

In addition to GCSE and A Level, the business department also run the Young Enterprise (YE) “Company Programme” which continues to be a hugely popular and successful opportunity for students. In 2016 the KEVI YE team came third in the UK National Finals, whilst in 2020 the KEVI YE team “EnviroTent” won the UK National completion going on to represent UK YE at the European finals in Portugal (<https://www.jacompanyoftheyear.org/envirotent>). In 2023 our YE success continued at regional level where our KEVI school entry narrowly came runners up to the eventual company of the year winner at the national finals.

The KES business department are keen to help students engage in a wide and varied range of experiences related to the business world and (in addition to the YE programme) over several years the department have provided the following opportunities for students:

- Visits to local businesses (e.g. the ITG Group, Cadbury, Coors brewery, Drayton Manor, Toyota etc.)
- UK Treasury Target 2.0 competition
- CIPFA Management competition
- IFS Investor Challenge
- 9-day trip to China

as well as inviting guest speakers into school to support lessons and provided career guidance.