

Improving Outcomes for Vocational Business

There are a number of ways to improve outcomes for the NCFE Level 1 / 2 Technical Award in Business & Enterprise, which your Business teacher, will have explained to you regularly. Read carefully and use this document to remind yourself of what you have to do.

1. External Examination

For students: You have completed the external exam which is worth **40%** of the course. Results are expected 3 February 2023. Do not throw out your revision guide as you may have the opportunity to re-sit the exam on 17 March 2023 if you have not performed as expected. You will also be using the Revision Guide to help you with the Synoptic Project.

For Parents/Carers: Students have sat the external exam. They should be focused on the Synoptic Project. Students can use the following links for help with this or for revision if they have not performed as expected.

- <https://businessed.co.uk/index.php/home/theory/gcse/edexcel-gcse-9-1-theory-notes-public>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z98snbk>
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/seneca-certified-resources/business-gcse-edexcel/>
- Bizconsesh – short videos from an online tutor
- Revision books for GCSE Business available from good book shops and online

For Parents/Carers: Using one of the resources above will help with their business knowledge to complete the Synoptic Project if they are completing research at home.

2. Synoptic Project

For students: The Synoptic Project is worth **60%** of your course and will start in January 2023 during your normal timetabled lessons and additional time during trial exams. It will be completed in 21 hours in controlled conditions. You will be expected to complete your own research which can be taken into the computer suite. You will be given *deadlines* to complete sections of a business plan and failure to follow instructions will result in consequences set by the department, school and exam board. You will be given additional help-sheets to direct you and copies of previous Synoptic Projects to guide you. You also have to complete a learner log which will be explained to you at the start of the Synoptic Project.

For Parents/Carers: Ask to see a copy of the Synoptic Project and encourage the student to immerse themselves in the 'business', with your support, before the start of the project. Please stress the importance of keeping to deadlines and producing work to the best of their ability. This is worth **60%** of the course and they should be applying all their business knowledge.