

Preparing for A Level Business

<u>Trial Exams in Business</u> Students will sit 2 papers Paper 1: Themes 1 & 4 Monday 23rd January 2023 PM - 2 hours Paper 2: Themes 2 & 3 Thursday 26th January 2023 PM – 2 hours	<u>Summer 2023 Exams</u> PAPER 1 (Themes 1 & 4) Tuesday 23 May 2023 Start time: AM Duration: 2 hours PAPER 2 (Themes 2 & 3) Wednesday 7 June 2023 Start time: AM Duration: 2 hours PAPER 3 (Theme 1, 2, 3 & 4) Wednesday 14 June 2023 Start time: AM Duration: 2 hours
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Support

Students can message their teachers through Google Classroom with any questions. They can also make appointments with their teachers during lunchtimes to discuss specific areas/topics of the course and get help. There will be opportunities in lessons to have 1-1 support during our revision period.

How do I prepare for my exams?

1. Subject Knowledge

For students: Make sure you know each topic area and the themes being examined in each paper.. You will have a checklist for all Themes which you should use to indicate the topics you are/are not confident in. Revision should always start with the topics you have the least confidence in.

- One of your best resources is your folder. Read through your notes again and the class activities associated to the topic.
- Use revision aids that you have completed for each sub-topic. If there are any gaps complete them, and read them again thoroughly. You could even try to condense them into smaller chunks or complete a mind-map for each sub-topic.
- Google Classroom has all the power-points for each topic area. If you are missing any notes this is where you can find them. There will also be some further revision activities or links that you can access to help your revision.
- There are a number of online resources that we have encouraged you to use. These offer a range of different resources and we cannot stress the importance of using them to help your revision. These include:
 - Takingthebiz – short videos from an online tutor
 - Bizconsesh – short videos from an online tutor
 - Revision books for A Level Business Edexcel available from good book shops and online

2. Application

For students: Make sure you remember that application **must** be used throughout the paper. This means using information from the Case Study to support your points and arguments. You must back up what you are saying with information from the Case Study.

3. Exam Techniques

For students: All exam techniques can be found on Google Classroom. Find them and make sure you follow the technique when writing answers. Examiners are looking for you to write logical chains of reasoning. The most important area is to support your arguments with strong references and examples found in the Case Study. You have to have a strong logical chain of reasoning, TiB, Tmt, TL2, Aar, T4 (make sure you know what the abbreviations mean).

4. Timing

For students: If you don't watch the clock you will run out of time. You have learnt to write a 'mark a minute'. If you are unsure of any questions then move onto one you can complete and come back to those you are not sure of till the end. Make sure you attempt all questions to the best of your ability.

5. Revision

For students: You have started your revision because you have had to revise for your End of Unit Assessments. Some of you have performed very well in them and some of you could have revised a bit more. It is important that you do chunks of revision as often as you can, using all the resources in this document and those that take place in lessons.

Remember:

1. Be clear on the Themes being examined for each Paper.
2. Ensure you have revision aids for each topic area – if any are missing then create them.
3. Make sure your folders are complete with a full set of worksheets for each topic area.
4. Use online resources such as www.takingthebiz.co.uk www.bizconsesh.co.uk www.tutor2u.co.uk to help with your subject knowledge.
5. Refer to Google Classroom for help with examination techniques and general revision.
6. Complete past papers – build up to a full 2 hour paper rather than 30 minutes of assessment writing. This is a better replication of exam requirements.
7. Practise writing answers in timed conditions.
8. Use the mark schemes to self-assess and use a different coloured pen to add any additional material or amend answers to improve your grade.
9. Review examiner reports to look at good answers (these are actual student answers/essays).
10. What works for you? Mind maps, written notes, flash cards, videos, recording your own voice. Create mnemonics and clues.