

St Robert of Newminster Catholic School & Sixth Form College

Department Information – Business & Economics

The Business & Economics department is a high attaining department, with strong results, both at GCSE and A Level. We follow the Edexcel specification at both A Level and GCSE. In terms of staffing, we have 3 members of staff (HoD + 2), two with full time Business and Economics on their timetables, and one who teaches hours within the Law department. Two members of staff also have additional responsibility within the pastoral structure of the school.

At KS4, those pupils who have opted for GCSE Business follow 2 hours of lessons per week. There are presently 76 students in Year 10 spread across three classes, and 57 in Year 11 spread across two classes. At KS5, A-Level students are allocated 5 hours of lessons per week. We offer both A Level Business and A Level Economics. In Year 12, 54 students opt for A Level Business and 26 opt for A Level Economics. In Year 13, 54 students opt for A Level Business and 32 opt for A Level Economics.

The department has access to 3 classrooms, one which has a full class set of computers. In the past, we have run a number of extra-curricular activities such as Young Enterprise, RES Economics essay competition and the Student Investor Challenge. We have also taken students on a number of overseas visits ranging from EuroDisney to New York.