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Sixth Form Pre-Course Task

Welcome to **Business**.

What's great about Business is that it's everywhere, and impacts on most parts of your life! Studying Business will help you understand the world that you live in, as well as giving you the skills and knowledge to be a success in the business environment.

In Business you will be:

- developing an enthusiasm for the business world
- gaining an holistic understanding of businesses in a range of contexts
- developing a critical understanding of organisations and their ability to meet society's needs and wants
- understanding that business behaviour can be studied from a range of perspectives
- generating enterprising and creative approaches to business opportunities, problems and issues
- raising your awareness of the ethical dilemmas and responsibilities faced by organisations and individuals
- acquiring a range of relevant business and generic skills, including decision making, problem solving, the challenging of assumptions and critical analysis

In preparation for you joining us in September, please complete the following pre-course tasks where you will have the opportunity to showcase your prior knowledge, skills and to outline your specific areas of interest within this subject area more widely.

***You can write your responses directly into the boxes provided or type your responses on a separate document**.*

TASK 1: Tell us how this subject links to your future aspirations.
For example, this might be the career you'd like to enter into or the apprenticeship/university course you'd like to pursue.

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Useful website for careers guidance:

https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/courses?query=
https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice
https://findapprenticeshiptraining.apprenticeships.education.gov.uk/courses
https://uk.indeed.com/
https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

Plus - this is a really helpful careers quiz - have a go:
https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2850

TASK 2- Research: What is going on in the business environment in the UK at the moment?

https://www.theglobalcity.uk/why-the-uk/business-environment

https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/business/businessservices/bulletins/businessinsightsandimpactontheukeconomy/5june2025 - Scroll down for a summary of the ONS findings

https://international.groupecreditagricole.com/en/international-support/united-kingdom/business-environment

Notes:

TASK 3-Written task (word count 300-500 words):

You are going to write a news article for The Budmouth Daily Press to tell their readers (our students) about what's going on with the business sector of the UK economy at the moment (this is called the "business outlook"), and to give your prediction for the business outlook over the next 12 months. Feel free to use graphs, diagrams, and quotes to illustrate your points (credit the sources please).

Make sure that the language that you use is suitable for the age of The Budmouth Daily Press readership, and that you explain key terms carefully.

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Pre-course reading recommendations:
(Please add hyperlinks to revision websites and wider reading as needed)

https://www.savemyexams.com/a-level/business/edexcel/17/ - great revision resource with background notes about each of the four Themes.

https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/business-2015.html - this links to the Business exam board website. You'll find the syllabus, information, and past papers here.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL31EOMw-r2Hhqpgn6XgXRyYEWtZARBGlJ - this is a whole resource bank on YouTube - it's brilliant!

If you have any questions about this course or require any further information on the tasks set above, please contact **Annabelle Caldwell** at this email address: acaldwell@budmouth-aspirations.org.

Please note that all pre-course tasks should be handed to your subject teacher by **Friday 11th September**. If these have been typed then please print them out before handing in.

We look forward to working alongside you and seeing all you can achieve on this course.