

GCSE Business Studies: Exam Board: OCR

GCSE Exam Structure

There are no changes to the GCSE in Business Studies Exam for 2021. There are 2 examinations in the summer:

<p>Business Paper 1</p> <p>Business activity, marketing and people</p> <p>Taught in Year 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Activity • Marketing • People

<p>Business Paper 2</p> <p>Operations, finance and influences on business</p> <p>Taught in Year 11 and some in Year 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations * • Finance • Influences on business • The interdependent nature of business

*Operations was part of the course that was delivered during the lockdown period from March – July 2020

December Mock Exam Structure (30th November – 11th December)

<p>Business Paper 1</p> <p>Business activity, marketing and people</p> <p>Taught in Year 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Activity • Marketing • People

March Mock Exam Structure

The paper not studied in the December mocks Business Paper 2 will be examined at the second assessment point in March. The March assessment will cover content taught from September 2020

Being Organised

Every pupil will be issued with a revision booklet during the revision sessions beginning on Tuesday 13th October. This booklet covers both papers.

The revision booklet includes key questions, practice exam questions and model answers for pupils to answer. It also include details about the PANEL method of answering examination questions.

Pupils have exercise books and will also be provided with a folder to keep their revision materials in.



Approach to answering a 9 mark answer BUSINESS ESSAY PLAN – PANEL Model and AJIM	
POINT 1	POINT 2
P	Use this template to plan your paragraph points (lines of analysis, supporting evidence and initial evaluation) and your essay conclusion (final evaluation).
AN	In most 6 and 9 mark answers you will be required to discuss two options. Within your discussion you will be required to give the pros/cons of each option. Your answer must be in context; if not, your answer will be capped at 1 mark being awarded.
E	
L	
A	Answer (use the hook)
J	Justify
I	It Depends
M	Most Important Reason

6 and 9 mark questions are usually graded using Levels of response:
Level 0: Nothing worthy of credit
Level 1: There is a basic description. There is little explanation as to why the business might do this/have done this.
Level 2: There is a detailed description with application to the business/scenario as to why the business might do this/have done this.
Level 3: There is an explanation of the impacts of the action on the business. There is a conclusion that is justified.

Plan: Remaining Teaching Weeks to Mock Exams

Week Beginning	Lesson Content	Revision Material	Curriculum Recovery	Homework	Revision Class
12 th October	Break Even	Revision booklet and exam questions	Available via Teams and on the school website. At the start of each lesson we revisit key questions from previous topics.	Break Even Questions	Tuesday 13 th October
19 th October	Break Even	Revision booklet and exam questions		Break Even Questions	
Half Term Homework	Pupils are to complete the 3 booklets provided. The work should take 3 hours, it is due in the first lesson back after half-term.				
2 nd November	Cash Flow Forecast	Revision booklet and exam questions		Cash Flow Exam Questions and Case Study	Tuesday 3 rd November
9 th November	Cash Flow Forecast	Revision booklet and exam questions		Cash Flow Exam Questions and Case Study	
16 th November	Operations*	Revision booklet and exam questions	Paper 2: Production processes and the quality of goods and services.	Exam Questions	Tuesday 17 th November
23 rd November	Operations*	Revision booklet and exam questions	Paper 2: Operations section of the syllabus on consumer law, business location and suppliers.	Exam Questions	

*we will be revisiting content that was delivered via Teams during lockdown during these lessons.

Plan: January to Summer Exams

Half-term	Lesson Content	Revision Material	Curriculum Recovery	Homework	Revision Class
January to February	Business Ethics	Revision booklet and exam questions will be used in revision classes and lessons	Paper 2 - Operations, finance and influences on business.	Exam Questions	Content will be determined based on mock exam performance.
February to April	Production			Exam Questions	
April to May	Revision of paper 1 and paper 2			Exam Questions	

Exam Board Guidance

[Exam Board Specification](#). Page 9 gives an overview of the specification.

Past Papers - [Sample Assessment Material Paper 1](#) & [Sample Assessment Material Paper 2](#)

Other Online Material

- [Revision World](#)
- [BBC Bitesize](#)
- [Quizlet](#)
- [BusinessEd](#)
- [Two Teachers YouTube Channel](#)