

LEF/jr
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Dear Parent/Guardian

I thought I would write to you to highlight the proposed outline for the remainder of Year 11 in GCSE Business Studies.

As highlighted in our Year 11 Parent Handbook (page 28), we are supporting students by commencing a thorough self-study program that covers the entire specification and becomes tailored to individual needs. This process is detailed below.

- A series of weekly self-study multiple choice quizzes with the emphasis on 'try again' for each one until full marks are gained
- Top scores are recorded and also, the first attempt
- In the New Year, first attempt scores are ranked in increasing order of success and bespoke self-study is set in the form of revision guide pages and note taking for each individual - in the order they require it the most
- The emphasis is on the individual to collect these from their weekly email, complete and upload.
- If this process is completed to its end, each student should have made, by the start of the examination process, their own, complete, and fully individual, revision guide of the whole specification

To complement both self-study and classwork, our ESP program has been designed to support the development of the skills required to answer the more challenging questions on the business papers. Our higher mark questions range between 6, 9 and 12 marks and include substantial weighting towards the language used to write them. In these cases, even a factually accurate answer written in a way not deemed to be of the standard of writing required by the Exam Board will be penalised significant marks.

The ESP program will run all year following the whole school schedule and will mostly be workshop based on how to correctly interpret and answer these higher mark questions. Our next ESP will be **29 November 2022 in Block 6**, where rooms will be made available for drop in support if needed.

If you have any further questions about any of the above or any additional points about the Business Studies curriculum, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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