

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## BUSINESS

**Rochdale**  
sixth form  
college

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### **DO I NEED TO HAVE DONE BUSINESS AT GCSE TO DO IT A-LEVEL?**

No, you do not need to have studied Business at GCSE to successfully study it at A-level. This will not inhibit any progress. We have had plenty of students leave college with As and A\*s who have not studied GCSE Business.

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### **HOW OFTEN ARE WE ASSESSED IN BUSINESS?**

As per the college's assessment policy, we assess students formally every third week as a minimum. You have more major internal assessments in January and summer during your first year, and in January during your second year. Your terminal, external assessments are in summer during your second year. We regularly carry out low stakes quizzes to check everyone is comfortable with the content.

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### **WHAT PERCENTAGE OF BUSINESS IS BASED ON EXAMS?**

Business is 100% exam based. There is no coursework.

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### **WHAT SUBJECTS WORK WELL WITH BUSINESS?**

A frequently asked question with no real answer. This is all dependent on your preferred career route for once you leave Rochdale Sixth Form College. Many students study business with Economics given the similarity in content.

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### **WHAT CAREERS CAN I PURSUE WITH AN A-LEVEL IN BUSINESS?**

Previous students have left us to pursue careers/education in accounting, human resources, retail management, events management, travel and tourism, marketing, operations management, sports management, international business management

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### **ARE THERE ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK EXPERIENCE?**

Yes. We provide a wide range of work placement opportunities and have had students take up placements at accounting firms KPMG and PWC.

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### **IS THERE A LOT OF MATHS IN BUSINESS?**

In A-level business the maths requirements do not surpass those of GCSE maths. Students will be required to calculate %'s, work with ratios and read graphs.