

INFORMATION FOR ECONOMICS/BUSINESS EDUCATION TRAINEES FOR 2018/19

In advance of starting the course, it may be helpful to upskill on a number of course specification for Business and Economics courses. These might include:

- GCSE Business Studies and GCSE Economics: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/business-subjects/gcse>
- A and AS level Business Studies: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/business-subjects/as-and-a-level/business-7131-7132>
- A and AS level Economics: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/economics/as-and-a-level/economics-7135-7136>
- BTEC Business at Level 3: <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/business-2016.html>

You may be aware that A and AS level have now been de-coupled. This means the grade at AS no longer contributes to the grade at A level. It has meant that many schools and colleges are now reducing their offer to 3 A level subjects, assessed with a final exam after 2 years. The numbers taking AS have declined sharply. Numbers in both Business Studies and Economics at A level have stayed strong in recent years and Business Studies remains a popular choice at GCSE.

There is a new BTEC Business level 3 specification that all schools and colleges who offer this will be taking from September 2018- you might end up teaching this so it is well worth a review.

Being flexible and a team player is a key part of most business departments- in some 11-16 and 11-18 schools there is also an expectation that you might teach some lower school Computing.

There are a few useful websites to have a look at on general teaching issues:

- Economics and Business Education Association [EBEA]: http://www.ebea.org.uk/teaching_resources/generic_issues_for_new_teachers/
- Paul Dix Pivotal website on behaviour management: <https://pivotaleducation.com/>
- An approach to teaching balance sheets <https://www.khanacademy.org/economics-finance-domain/core-finance/housing/home-equity-tutorial/v/introduction-to-balance-sheets>

There are also some useful introductory books with practical teaching tips [all are available in the University library]:

- Lemov, D [2015] Teach Like a Champion 2.0. ISBN: 1118901851
- Petty, G [2014] Teaching Today, Fifth Edition. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9781408523148
- Beadle, P [2010] How to Teach, Crown House Publishing. ISBN: 9781845903930
- Ginnis, P [2010] Teacher Toolkit. Crown House Publishing. ISBN: 1899836764

These are all in the university library. Good luck and get in touch with any queries!

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