CoDA Curriculum

Design + Innovation (Business)



Design + Innovation

The Key Stage 3 Design + Innovation curriculum combines the KS3 National curriculum for Design and technology with the KS3 National curriculum for Computing.

For the first 13 weeks of Year 7 learners complete an Introduction to D+I unit, where they experience different subject areas within the faculty. After this they commence a regular carousel rotation program until the end of Year 8, where they do units of work in: Food and Cookery (lunchtime and world foods); Fashion and Textiles (cultural influences: Mexico and Japan); Design and Technology: Material Properties (polymers and metals); Design and Technology: Systems and Devices (mechanisms and electronics); and Information and Computer Technology (e-Safety, computing basics, and Programming).

In Year 9, learners have the opportunity to study a curriculum designed to join the skills and knowledge developed in Years 7 and 8 to those needed for subjects which may be taken in Year 10. The Year 9 units of work are: Food and Cookery (food for life); Fashion and Textiles (clothing and accessories); Design and Technology: Materials (timbers); Computer-Aided Design (Fusion360); and Creative iMedia (visual identity and digital graphics).

The Key Stage 4 Design + Innovation curriculum intends to give learners the skills and knowledge needed to make progress onto the next step following their secondary education, and currently includes qualifications in: Business; Construction; Creative iMedia; Design and Technology; Engineering Manufacture; Fashion and Textiles; and Food and Cookery.

Business Curriculum Intent

We aim to deliver a curriculum that will give students the skills and knowledge to:

- concentrate on the key business concepts
- Issues and skills involved in starting and running a small business
- Provide a framework for students to explore core concepts through the lens of an entrepreneur setting up a business
- Examine how a business develops beyond the start-up phase
- Focus on the key business concepts, issues and decisions used to grow a business
- Emphasis on aspects of marketing, operations, finance and human resources.
- consider the impact of the wider world on the decisions a business makes as it grows

At Key Stage 4 students will follow the specifications:

Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Business.

GCSE in Business will encourage and enable students to:

- know and understand business concepts, business terminology, business objectives, the integrated nature of business activity and the impact of business on individuals and wider society
- apply knowledge and understanding to contemporary business issues and to different types and sizes of businesses in local, national and global contexts
- develop as enterprising individuals with the ability to think commercially and creatively to demonstrate business acumen, and draw on evidence to make informed business decisions and solve business problems
- develop as effective and independent students, and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- use an enquiring, critical approach to make informed judgements
- investigate and analyse real business opportunities and issues to construct well-argued, well-evidenced, balanced and structured arguments, demonstrating their depth and breadth of understanding of business
- develop and apply quantitative skills relevant to business, including using and interpreting data.

Business contexts - Through studying this qualification students will:

- apply knowledge and understanding to different business contexts. These include businesses ranging from small enterprises to large multinationals and businesses operating in local, national and global contexts
- develop an understanding of how these contexts impact on business behaviour
- use business terminology to identify and explain business activity
- apply business concepts to familiar and unfamiliar contexts.

Business decision making - Through studying this qualification students will:

- apply knowledge and understanding to business decision making, including:
 - the interdependent nature of business activity, influences on business, business operations, finance, marketing and human resources; and how these interdependencies underpin business decision making
 - o how different business contexts affect business decisions
 - o the use and limitation of quantitative and qualitative data in making business decisions
- develop problem-solving and decision-making skills relevant to business
- investigate, analyse and evaluate business opportunities and issues
- make justified decisions using both qualitative and quantitative data, including its selection, interpretation, analysis and evaluation, and the application of appropriate quantitative skills.

Students will be taught and assessed on their ability to:

Theme 1	Investigating small business.	Theme 2	Building a business.
Topic 1.1	Enterprise and entrepreneurship	Topic 2.1	Growing the business
Topic 1.2	Spotting a business opportunity	Topic 2.2	Making marketing decisions
Topic 1.3	Putting a business idea into practice	Topic 2.3	Making operational decisions
Topic 1.4	Making the business effective	Topic 2.4	Making financial decisions
Topic 1.5	Understanding external influences on business	Topic 2.5	Making human resource decisions

Year 10

Topic	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
End Points (Knowledge and Skills)	Enterprise & Entrepreneurship, Spotting a business opportunity customer needs The dynamic nature of business Risk and reward The role of business enterprise Customer needs Market research Market segmentation	Putting a business idea into practice The competitive environment Business aims and objectives Business revenues, costs and profits Cash and cash flow Sources of business finance (Mini investigation into local business – cash flow)	Making the business effective The options for start- up and small businesses Business location The marketing mix Business plans (Mini investigation into local business on business location or an element of the marketing mix)	Understanding external influences on business Business stakeholders Technology and business Legislation and business (Mini investigation into a local business on stakeholders or the economy)	Understanding external influences on business The economy and business External influences Growing the business Business growth Changes in business aims and objectives	Growing the business Business and globalisation Ethics, The environment and business
What is assessed	Classwork Unit assessment	Classwork Unit assessment	Classwork Unit assessment	Classwork Unit assessment	Classwork Unit assessment	Classwork Unit assessment
Key Vocabulary	Business Enterprise Entrepreneurship Products Goods Services Demand Obsolete Competitive advantage Customer needs Branding USP Value added Huma resources Risk taking	Choice Convenience Customers Focus group Primary research Secondary research Qualitative research Demographics Lifestyle Market segments Competitive environment Innovative Unethical	Aims Objectives SMART objectives Survival Market share Fixed costs Variable costs Total costs Interest Revenue Break-even Break-even chart Margin of safety Cash Cash flow Insolvency Overdraft Overdraft facility Cash flow forecast Closing balance Net cash flow Opening balance Crowdfunding Dividends	Bankrupt Limited liability Private limited company (PLC) Sole trader Unlimited liability Franchising Royalties Entrepreneur Proximity Place Price Product Promotion Business plan	Consumer incomes Economic climate Exchange rate Inflation Interest rate Taxation Unemployment Economic climate Entering markets Exiting markets	Free trade Globalisation Imports Exports Tariffs Trade bloc Ethical considerations Ethics Fair trade Environment Environment considerations Sustainability

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			Share capital				
			Trade credit				
			Venture capital				
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Literacy Skills Developed (Writing/Oracy/Tier 2)	Literacy skills developed through quality teaching and the embedding of high expectations regarding the presentation of books. Key words are provided during theory lesson. Opportunities taken for oracy when appropriate.						
Career Links	Enterprise Creative business	Data manager Survey interviewing	Business Questionnaire creator	Accountancy Administration	Franchising Business planner		
(Employability Skills, Career Opportunities)			Proof reading				
SMSC Links	Products/marketing/service - taking into account cultural sensitivities and localities when promoting goods and services	Business Identifying and understanding customer needs: • what customer needs are: price, quality, choice, convenience • the importance of identifying and understanding customers:.	Generating sales in ethical manner business survival. How businesses use market segmentation to target customers: • identifying market segments: location, demographics, lifestyle, income, age • market mapping to identify a gap in the market and the competition		Fair Trade, use of cheap labour and materials, competing internationally with countries with lowercapita	All areas: Learners are taught about the Health and safety specific to each curriculum area to keep themselves and others healthy and safe.	

Year 11

Topic	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
End Points (Knowledge and Skills)	Making marketing decisions Product Price Promotion Place Using the marketing mix to make business decisions (Mini topic into one element of the marketing mix — which is most important?)	Making marketing decisions Business operations Working with suppliers Managing quality The sales process Importance to business providing good customer service	Making financial decisions Business calculations Understanding business performance Making People decisions Organisational structures Effective recruitment Effective training and development	Making People decisions Motivation How business motivates employees (Mini topic – design a recruitment pack for a business)	Exam Preparation – revisit:- Enterprise and entrepreneurship Spotting a business idea Putting a business idea into practice Making a business effective External influences Marketing decisions Operational decisions Financial decisions	
What is assessed	Classwork Unit assessment	Classwork Unit assessment	Classwork Unit assessment	Classwork Unit assessment	Classwork Unit assessment	
Key Vocabulary	Aesthetics Economic manufacture Extension strategy Function Product differentiation Product life cycle Profit margins Branding	E-newsletters Promotional strategy Sponsorship Viral advertising Distribution E-tailer Retailer Budget	Batch production Flow production Job production Productivity Automation Flexibility Robots Centralised organisation Decentralised organisation Flat structure Hierarchical structure Organisation chart Communication Barrier to communication Insufficient communication Excessive communication	Flexible hours Freelance contract Permanent contract Remote working Temporary contract Application form CV (curriculum vitae) External recruitment Internal recruitment Job description Person specification References Mentor Training Performance reviews Retention Target setting Autonomy Commission Fringe benefits Job enrichment Job rotation Remuneration	See Key vocabulary	

Literacy Skills Developed (Writing/Oracy/Tier 2)	Literacy skills developed throu					
Career Links (Employability Skills, Career Opportunities)		Psephology Marketing				
SMSC Links	Fair Trade, use of cheap labour and materials, competing internationally with countries with lowercapita		Financial Act Fair dealing Insider dealing	Equality for all No discrimination Conscious of The Equality Act Mindful of LQBTQ+ legisalation		