

How to effectively prepare for Y11 Edexcel GCSE in Business

Improving knowledge

1. RAG rate the topics within the specification
2. Focus on addressing knowledge gaps for the amber topics first
 - Revise relevant absolutes
 - i. Use blue book to complete LCSWC to embed knowledge
 - ii. Create flash cards
 - iii. Complete a brain dump on each topic, write down what you know, and then compare to the absolute, add to the brain dump in a different coloured pen, highlighting knowledge that you did not remember – learn this knowledge, repeat the process
 - Complete revision activities PPT for relevant area of specification on the VLE (there is an activity for each area of the specification)
 - i. For each area of the specification there are knowledge based questions to answer followed by the answers for students to self-assess the accuracy of their own knowledge
3. Seek guidance from your teacher for the red topics or inform your teacher of any difficult topics and these topics can be embedded into revision activities in preparation for the exams
 - HKN is available Wednesday and Friday lunch for ANY business student regardless of their group
4. Complete section A style questions on exam papers or section A on the Tutor 2 U exam shorts for the topic that has been revised
5. Ensure you learn all the formulas for both theme 1 and theme 2 – there are around 10 marks on each paper that are maths based, this equates to 1-2 grades difference

Improving exam skills

1. Students must be able to recall the success criteria for the following questions
 - Section A: 3 mark knowledge questions and 6 mark knowledge questions
 - Section B: 1 mark context questions, 2 mark context questions, 6 mark context questions, 9 mark context question
 - Section C: 1 mark context questions, 2 mark context questions, 6 mark context questions, 9 mark context question, 12 mark context question
2. Practice applying the success criteria to exam style questions
 - Complete full papers (VLE and Edexcel Website)
 - Completing case study questions (tutor 2 U exam shorts) for different topics within the specification
3. Practice exams questions in timed conditions. A full paper in 1 hour 45 minutes
 - Section A: students should aim to complete this section in a max of 35 minutes
 - Section B: students should aim to complete this section in a max of 38 minutes
 - Section C: students should aim to complete this section in a max of 32 minutes

Improving context – worth 33 or 34 marks on each paper

1. Practice section B and section C style questions from past papers or the exam shorts on VLE, highlight the context in your answer.

Useful resources to help with revision

1. VLE
2. Edexcel website (exam papers): <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/business-2017.coursematerials.html#%2FfilterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials>
3. Tutor 2 U (website that provides help with topics and exam skills) <https://www.tutor2u.net/business>
4. Seneca learning (ensure you select Edexcel GCSE Business) <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
5. Revision guides recommended:
 - CGP GCSE Edexcel Business. Complete revision and practice ISBN-10: 1789080894
 - Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE Business: Revision Guide incl. online revision and quizzes ISBN13: 9781292190716