DUDLEY ACADEMIES TRUST

CURRICULUM INTENT STATEMENT

BUSINESS STUDIES



Our Business Studies curriculum is designed to equip learners with practical business knowledge, commercial skills and an understanding of modern organisations. Our curriculum enables learners to develop a wide range of transferable skills in communication, enterprise and accounting through our exciting and varied courses, with many practical elements that not only prepare our learners for college and sixth form but also the world of work.

The curriculum plans we have developed for each of our courses are concise, well organised and allow learners to revisit past topics to recall previously taught content so they are fully prepared for planned assessment opportunities.

Delivered by passionate subject specialists across the Trust, our Business Studies curriculum aims to:

- Inspire learners to want to discover more about the business world.
- Offer a balance of Business Studies theory alongside practical, project based content.
- Be inclusive and accessible for all learners; we offer level 1 and level 2 courses and tailor our offering to suit all ability levels.
- Build on learners' prior experiences in life by using real world business scenarios within lessons.
- Regularly revisit taught content and skills through demonstrate and connect, do now activities and carefully planned retrieval practice.
- Link to careers provisions and raise the future aspirations of our learners.
- Embed collaborative learning techniques in all lessons.
- Provide regular assessment opportunities to identify misconceptions and address any gaps in learners' understanding of key concepts.
- Explicitly link transferable content from other subject areas such as Mathematics, English, Science and Art/Design.
- Expand learners' vocabulary through word consciousness and opportunities to develop literacy skills within class.
- Mirror real-life experiences that will be invaluable for our learners' future such as the professional pitch learners deliver as part of our Enterprise and Marketing course (R066).

Outside of Business Studies lessons, our curriculum is supported by the delivery of the Peter Jones Tycoon programme to all learners in Year 9 through the Trust's Character Education initiative. This programme gives all learners an opportunity to participate in a nationwide business challenge, giving them hands on experience of running a business, working as a team and managing real world finances.

Cultural capital is embedded within our curriculum through the use of real world business scenarios and case studies in lessons as well as clear links to everyday life, prior experiences and practical applications of the skills and knowledge we teach.

Our Business Studies curriculum links with the Trust's core values by:

Dreaming big	Rewarding effort	Leading together	Respecting each other and our world	Learning that inspires
Our Business Studies curriculum provides appropriate challenge for learners.	Learners across the Trust are awarded merits and commendations for hard	Leadership is a key focus for some of our units of work, linked to the	The Trust's key values surrounding respect for one another and their environment are communicated through Business Studies lessons.	Business Studies is a popular option choice across the Trust, a confirmation of our inspirational and engaging curriculum.
Our work on enterprise and the role of entrepreneurs focuses on those people who have 'dreamed big' and been successful; these lessons aim to	work and consistent effort in Business Studies lessons. Learners are given timely feedback on	business world. Learners are required to take key roles in some lesson based activities in	Learners are expected to work collaboratively on a regular basis within lessons; as part of this they are taught to be respectful to one	Our curriculum is designed to inspire learners to work hard and achieve their potential.
inspire learners to raise their future aspirations.	their work enabling effort to be quickly acknowledged.	order to support their peers. The Peter Jones Tycoon programme	another's view points and learning styles.	The Business Studies curriculum focuses on real world scenarios that learners will know about and are more
The Peter Jones Tycoon programme (through Character Education) gives	PROUD is promoted throughout learners' work and work that follows	(through Character Education) provides learners with a chance to lead	Lessons on ethical business are delivered within our GCSE courses;	likely to be engaged in.
learners an opportunity to develop a business idea they believe in and are passionate about.	these principles is rewarded.	a team within the business challenge.	these focus on the respect the world commands and how businesses can minimise their negative impact on society and the planet.	A focus on real world jobs and links to career opportunities inspires learners to look ahead to their future life chances.

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