



A level Accounting

Who is this course for?

Accounting is an excellent choice of subject for people who wish to pursue a career in finance, whether it be directly in accounting, banking or business. Even the best business ideas get nowhere sound financial management and, whether you want to work for big business, be the next Richard Branson or have your own small business, a knowledge of financial management is vital.

What are the entry criteria

Most students aiming to start A Level Accountancy will achieve a grade B in GCSE Mathematics. In addition the average of your GCSEs will be 5 or above.

The Law, Business and Accounts department at Wyke Sixth Form College

AS and A Level Accounting belong to the department of "Law, Business and Accounts", one of the largest departments in the college. Many of our courses are graded as outstanding.

The department team is

Brian Johnstone (Head of Department and teacher of AS and A2 Law)

Mark Urding (teacher of AS and A2 Law and BTEC Applied Law)

Nicola Baker (teacher of AS and A2 Accounting)

Elizabeth Blakey (Course Leader of vocational Business courses, teacher of AS and A2 Business, BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Certificate and Diploma in Business, BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Business)

Gill Blyth (teacher of AS/A2 Economics, AS Business, BTEC level 2 first Diploma in Business, BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Certificate and Diploma in Business)

Paul Rhynehart (teacher of AS and A2 Business, AS and A2 Economics, BTEC level 3 Subsidiary Certificate and Diploma in Business)

AS and A2 Accounting have a dedicated teaching room in the Wilson building. All students receive an up to date AS and A2 textbook along with printed notes, practice examination questions, past paper booklets and a wide range of handout materials. Our Moodle presence is to be expanded.

The Accountancy staff team is:

- Brian Johnstone (Head of Department)
- Nicola Baker

Exam Board

At Wyke we use the AQA A level specification. This consists of 4 units:

Course Details

AS (Yr 12)

Acc 1 Introduction to financial Accounting

This unit is designed as a foundation for the remainder of the course and deals with the concept of double entry and the completion of Income Statements and Balance Sheets. It is taught in the Autumn term and examined in January of year 12 (1 hr 30 mins exam). This examination is 50% of the AS level and 25% of A level.

Acc2 Financial and Mangement Accounting

This unit builds upon the principles taught in Unit 1 and introduces the accounts of limited companies. In addition, it also reviews the financial performance of business' and assess the options for a business when arranging new forms of finance. It is taught in the spring term and examined in the summer of Yr 12 (1 hr 30 mins exam). This examination is 50% of the As level and 25% of A level.

A2 (Y13)

Acc3 Further Aspects of Financial Accounting

In this unit students will apply their knowledge of accounting principles in order to complete a set of accounts when information may be missing. They will also be introduced to partnership accounts, International Accounting Standards and Cash Flow Statements. It is taught in the Autumn term and examined in January of Y13 (2hr exam). It accounts for 25% of the A level.

Acc4 Further Aspects of Management Accounting

In this unit students will develop an understanding of manufacturing accounts, make capital decisions involving investment appraisal and further develop their understanding of budgets and budgetary control. It is taught in the Spring term and examined in Spring of Y13 (2hr exam). It accounts for 25% of the a level.

How the course is delivered

The A level course is delivered over 2 academic years. Students will receive 4 hours 40 minutes of lessons per week, although they are also expected to complete work independently outside of lessons. Each group is taught by one teacher and the focus within lessons will be very much upon applying the concepts taught within the classroom to accounting based problems. This will be backed up by thorough and regular classroom based assessment.

Departmental Enrichment

The department aims to assist students in finding work experience in the Accountancy profession and, as such also has links with a medium sized Accountancy firm based in Hull. This firm also aims to offer the opportunity of an accountancy apprenticeship for a student at the end of their second year. Students will be supported in their application for accountancy training programmes and applications to University.

Students will also be offered the opportunity to attend the annual departmental visit to Paris.

Student success

With excellent examination grades and outstanding value-added (as judged by ALIS and ALPS), the department has helped many students begin a career in accountancy, whether it be through the university or apprenticeship route.



Joshua Lutkin

Former School

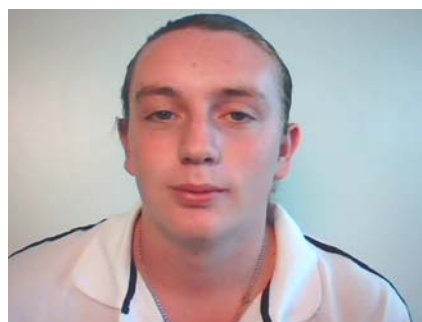
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A level Accounting result:

Grade **A**

Where is he now?

Liverpool John Moores University
Studying Accountancy



Christopher Hopkins

Former School

Sydney Smith

A level Accounting result:

Grade **B**

Where is he now?

Accountancy apprenticeship
at Dutton Moore Chartered
Accountants (winner of Kaplan
Scholarship 2011)

What does this course lead to

Many students who take accounting go on to University and become qualified accountants, working for accounting practices or within an organisation. Other

students may choose to enter the accountancy profession through the 'apprenticeship' route.

Your financial acumen can support a wide number of other careers. For example, you could work in local government, general management, retail, banking etc. Even the Chief Executive of Manchester United F.C is a qualified accountant. With accounting skills you could end up working in just about any area you choose.

What can I do now that would help prepare me for this course?

Keep a keen eye on the financial world around you- watch the movements of the stock market and think about any shares you might like to invest in and the reasons why.

Watch the news! Identify key events that may be happening around the world which may have a positive or negative impact upon the performance of a business.