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Dear Family

### Year 10 GCSE Business

Your child recently completed their subject options that they want to study in year 10 and 11. At the time of making these choices the Business department was offering the BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise level 2. This has now changed, and students will be studying the GCSE Business (Pearson exam board). Studying the GCSE Business will allow students to move seamlessly onto the A Level Business in 2026 if they wish to. BTEC Level 3 will not be offered in Shireland Sixth Form in 2026.

This means that students will no longer be required to complete assignment work throughout years 10 and 11. Main summative assessments will now take place in the form of mock exams throughout year 10 and 11 with final GCSE exams for Business taking place at the end of year 11 (May/June 2026).

Students will be required to sit two exam papers at the end of year 11. Please find information below for each exam paper.

<b>Paper 1 (1 hour and 45 minutes)</b> <b>50% of qualification grade</b>	<b>Paper 2 (1 hour and 45 minutes)</b> <b>50% of qualification grade</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic 1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship</li> <li>• Topic 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity</li> <li>• Topic 1.3 Putting a business idea into practice</li> <li>• Topic 1.4 Making the business effective</li> <li>• Topic 1.5 Understanding external influences on business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic 2.1 Growing the business</li> <li>• Topic 2.2 Making marketing decisions</li> <li>• Topic 2.3 Making operational decisions</li> <li>• Topic 2.4 Making financial decisions</li> <li>• Topic 2.5 Making human resource decisions</li> </ul>
<p>Assessment overview: The paper is divided into three sections: Section A: 35 marks Section B: 30 marks Section C: 25 marks.</p>	<p>Assessment overview: The paper is divided into three sections: Section A: 35 marks Section B: 30 marks Section C: 25 marks.</p>

Your child does not need to do anything going forward, this letter is for information purposes only. Staff within the Business Studies department will ensure that content from the above topics is taught throughout year 10 and 11 and will help students with revision and exam technique.

We look forward to welcoming students in September in the Business Studies department.

Yours sincerely

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