



A-level Business
Summer Transition Work

AQA A Level Business – Summer Work

This summer work is designed to measure the starting points required for success in the AQA A Level Business specification. The activities below assess reading comprehension, extended writing, critical reasoning, independent study and numeracy.

Task 1 – Business News Research

Find one recent business news story from a reliable source such as the BBC Business section, The Guardian Business, or the Financial Times. Produce a one-page summary explaining:

- What happened
- Which businesses were involved
- Why the story matters
- The possible impact on customers, employees and profits

This task measures reading comprehension and independent study.

Task 2 – Extended Writing

Write approximately 500 words answering the following question:

‘To what extent is customer service the most important factor in business success?’

You should include examples of real businesses where possible. This task measures written communication and analytical skills.

Task 3 – Critical Thinking

Read the following statement and explain whether you agree or disagree:

‘Large businesses are always more successful than small businesses.’

Give at least two arguments on each side before reaching a justified conclusion.

Task 4 – Numeracy Skills

Complete the following calculations:

1. A business increases sales revenue from £120,000 to £150,000. Calculate the percentage increase.
2. A product costs £8 to make and sells for £14. Calculate the profit per unit.
3. A business has total costs of £45,000 and total revenue of £60,000. Calculate the profit.
4. A shop sells 250 units in Week 1 and 325 units in Week 2. Calculate the percentage increase in sales.

Task 5 – Reflection

Write a short paragraph explaining why you chose A Level Business and what skills you hope to develop during the course.

Submission Guidance

Please complete all tasks neatly and bring them to your first A Level Business lesson. You may type or handwrite your answers.