



A Level Business Studies Bridging Tasks

Introduction:

You will be studying towards an A level in business studies with the exam board AQA. Business studies is a fascinating subject that will enable you to perceive the world in a more mature manner and will allow you to form informed decisions on current events from any background. This is all due to the everyday factors such as how people travel to work and what food they buy all the way to larger factors such as which political party is in government and which countries are close to war, all of these have an impact on a business and what decision they will make to achieve their goals.

To be successful in Business Studies you will need to be self-motivated and able to engage in learning outside of the classroom. You will be able to learn about the theory in the classroom but you must be able to apply it in the wider world and see it in action. This will then allow you to analyse it and form conclusion on whether a business was right in the decisions they may have made.

This resource is designed to provide you with a source of knowledge and suggested questions that you need to be able to engage in and grow your mindset. This will then allow you to view the wider impacts of the content on various groups.

Suggested reading:

- The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Paperback - Stephen Covey
- Finding My Virginty: The New Autobiography- Richard Branson
- AQA Business for A Level- Ian Marcousé
- Legacy- James Kerr
- The Undercover Economist- Cameron Stewart, Tim Harford, et al
- The Economist- Weekly magazine publication
- The Times, Guardian or Independent- News papers

Suggested viewing:

- This Giant Beast That is the Global Economy- Amazon Prime
- Inside the Factory – BBC iPlayer

- Panorama: Lockdown UK- BBC iPlayer
- The Founder- Amazon Prime
- All or Nothing (multiple teams including Manchester City)- Amazon Prime
- Sunderland 'til I die- Netflix
- American Factory- Netflix
- The Big Short- Netflix

Suggested questions:

- To what extent should the average UK citizen be concerned about the recent falling oil prices?
- Do you agree with the following statements?
 - Every UK citizen should receive universal income from the government.
 - Every UK citizen should be given a job by the government if they become unemployed.
 - Businesses should be forced to operate ethically.

Justify your answers.

- Analyse the impact of governments around the world increasing spending on technologies related to space exploration.