



## ST IVO SCHOOL

### **Details about the Economics and Business Studies Department**

The Economics and Business Studies Department is a successful, lively and caring department of three committed and passionate teachers. We deliver Economics and Business Studies to GCSE and A Level, the Applied General Business level 3, and the Cambridge National level 2 Enterprise and Marketing qualification. It is a well resourced department, with a wide range of learning materials, and access to ICT (including interactive whiteboards) to support teaching and learning. The department is committed to ensure that lessons are inclusive, challenging, and engaging, thereby maintaining the strong popularity of the subject amongst students from Year 10 to Year 13. Teachers share resources they produce, and are committed to student success both inside and outside of the classroom, by for example, delivering after-school revision sessions to exam groups. Improvement is constantly encouraged within a framework of effective teamwork and mutual support, thereby seeking to ensure every student gets an equal opportunity to fulfil their potential. A positive 'can-do' nature is expected, and a sense of humour welcomed!

A main focus for the department is on the quality of teaching and learning. A key consequence has been the much improved exam performance across the key stages. We are very proud of the continuity of experience, and that Economics and Business Studies are popular and successful courses in our Sixth Form.

The department constantly seeks to achieve progress for all students across the ability range and wishes to continue raising achievement above an already strong track record of results. We offer a good range of extra-curricular opportunities including trips to The Bank of England, and the University of Cambridge Running the British Economy event. We also encourage students to participate in the Student Investor and the Coca Cola competitions.

For GCSE we follow the OCR syllabus for both Business Studies and Economics. These courses are very popular. We follow the AQA syllabus in Economics, Applied General and Business Studies at A level. In recent years students have gone on to study Economics and Business Studies at Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, Warwick and Durham universities, to name but a few, and we are very proud of this.

Overall, this successful Economics and Business Studies Department, within a large school, offers an ambitious teacher plenty of experience both in teaching, departmental responsibilities, and professional career development. This is furthered by our links with the Cambridge area and respected universities. We can assure the person appointed a warm welcome both within the department, and an opportunity to flourish in our popular, successful school.

This job would suit a range of Business Studies teachers at different career stages. This includes those seeking their first post, or those currently teaching business or economics who are seeking to broaden their experience and take advantage of opportunities for professional career development.

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