

A Level Accounting Board: AQA

A qualification in accounting will always be helpful – whether it's used professionally or personally. This course helps students to understand the responsibilities of the accountant and the impacts of their recommendations on the business and the wider environment.

Students will build knowledge and understanding of key concepts, principles and techniques that they can apply to real-life scenarios, developing the ability to solve problems logically, analyse data methodically, make reasoned choices and communicate effectively.

This is a 2 year course, all examinations are at the end of year 13, and there is NO AS qualification available.

The course structure

Year 1 Content	Year 2 Content
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. An introduction to the role of the accountant in business2. Types of business organisation3. The double entry model4. Verification of accounting records5. Accounting concepts used in the preparation of account records6. Preparation of financial statements of sole traders7. Limited company accounts8. Analysis and evaluation of financial information9. Budgeting10. Marginal costing	<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. Standard costing and variance analysis12. Absorption and activity based costing13. Capital investment appraisal14. Accounting for organisations with incomplete records15. Partnership accounts16. Accounting for limited companies17. Interpretation, analysis and communication of accounting information18. The impact of ethical considerations

The A Level assessment is two 3 hour examinations. Each exam contains three compulsory sections:

- Section A has 10 multiple choice questions and several short answer questions. The section is worth 30 marks.
- Section B has two structured questions each worth 20 marks. The section is worth 40 marks.
- Section C has two extended answer questions each worth 25 marks. The section is worth 50 marks.

Accounting is a good subject to study if you are looking for a career in Accounting or if you want to run your own business. On completing this course you can apply for apprenticeships with accounting firms who will develop you career through professional exams like the AAT/ACCA etc.

Accounting sits well with the other business subjects (Business and/or Economics) as well as maths. A good maths grade at GCSE is essential to be successful.

For more information see Mr Tingey