Subject: BTEC Business L3 Diploma **Kay Stage 5 Curriculum Plan** **Year:** 13

Department Information:

The Business Department delivers the BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business, preparing students for higher education, apprenticeships, and employment in a wide range of business sectors. Teaching is shared between Teacher A and Teacher B, with clear division of units and responsibilities to ensure specialist delivery and targeted intervention.

Curriculum aims and intent:

The Year 13 Diploma curriculum aims to:

• Develop applied business knowledge through real world contexts, case studies, and vocational scenarios.
• Build strong analytical, evaluative and decision making skills required for success in external assessments and coursework.
• Prepare students for the Unit 6 external exam in January, ensuring mastery of business decision making frameworks.
• Deliver high quality coursework for Unit 5: International Business, enabling students to demonstrate research, application, and evaluative skills.
• Provide structured support for resits of Units 2, 3 and 6 from January onwards.
• Strengthen students' readiness for university, apprenticeships, and employment through explicit careers links and transferable skill development.

Assessment:

• Unit 5: International Business – Internal coursework• Learning Aim A deadline: 14.10.26
• Learning Aims B & C deadline: 27.01.27
• Learning Aims D & E deadline: 31.03.27

• Unit 6: Principles of Management – External exam in January 2027• Learning Aims A–B taught in Term 1
• Learning Aims C–F taught in Term 2

Resources used to support learning:

• Pearson BTEC National Business Student Book 1 (ISBN: 9781292126241)
• Pearson BTEC National Business Student Book 2 (ISBN: 9781292126258)
• Classroom PowerPoints and revision materials on Microsoft Teams
• Authorised Assignment Briefs (AABs) for Unit 5
• Past papers and examiner reports for Unit 6

Home Learning:

Students must complete 5 hours of independent BTEC work per week, including:

• Coursework drafting and improvements
• Research tasks for Unit 5
• Revision and exam practice for Unit 6
• Preparation for resits (Units 2, 3, 6)

How parents can help their child:

• Encouraging consistent weekly independent study
• Monitoring coursework deadlines and Teams notifications
• Discussing business news to build contextual awareness
• Supporting revision planning for the January exam
• Ensuring attendance at intervention and resit preparation sessions

Parents may also explore career pathways with their child to strengthen

Term	Summary of work being covered	Knowledge, Understanding and skills assessed	How the work is assessed	Career-Links
1	• Unit 6 (Teacher A): Learning Aims A & B• A: The role of management and leadership • B: Understanding management decision making models • Unit 5 (Teacher B): Learning Aim A• A: Exploring the international business environment • Learning Aim A submission: 14.10.26	• Management styles, functions, and leadership theory • Decision making tools (SWOT, STEEPLE, ratio analysis, investment appraisal) • Globalisation, trade blocs, barriers to trade • Research, referencing, and applied written communication	Unit 5 Coursework - Submission of Learning aim A (Pass, Merit, Distinction)	• Management trainee programmes • International trade and logistics • Business analysis and consultancy • Leadership roles in retail and operations
2	• Unit 6 (Teacher A): Learning Aims C–F• C: Managing change • D: Planning and implementing business decisions • E: Reviewing the effectiveness of decisions • F: Preparing for the external assessment • Unit 5 (Teacher B): Begin Learning Aims B & C• B: Investigating international market entry • C: Cultural considerations and adaptation	• Change management models • Decision making under pressure • Strategic planning and evaluation • International market research • Cultural intelligence and adaptation strategies	Unit 5 Coursework Mock Unit 6 Exam - (Pass, Merit, Distinction)	• Change management roles • International marketing • Project management • Business strategy and planning
3	• Unit 6 external exam (January 2027) • Unit 5 (Teacher B): Completion of Learning Aims B & C• Submission deadline: 27.01.27 • Teacher A: Begin resit preparation for Units 2, 3, 6	• Exam technique and extended writing • International market entry strategies • Cultural adaptation and global marketing • Revision, retrieval practice, and applied evaluation	Unit 5 Coursework - Submission of Learning aim B + C (Pass, Merit, Distinction) Unit 6 January Exam (Externally Assessed	• International business development • Export/import administration • Market research roles • Business support and administration
4	• Unit 5 (Teacher B & A): Learning Aims D & E• D: Managing international business operations • E: Evaluating international business activity • Submission deadline for D & E: 31.03.27 • Teacher A: Ongoing resit preparation	• Operational planning in global markets • Risk management and compliance • Evaluation of international performance • Professional report writing	Unit 5 Coursework - Submission of Learning aim D + E (Pass, Merit, Distinction)	• Operations management • Compliance and risk roles • International supply chain management • Business reporting and analysis
5	• Completion of any resit preparation • Targeted intervention for students needing to improve coursework • Revision of key business concepts across Units 2, 3, 5, 6	• Consolidation of analytical and evaluative skills • Application of business theory to vocational contexts • Exam technique for external units • Coursework refinement	Resit Exams	• Higher education pathways in business • Apprenticeships in finance, marketing, HR, and management • Professional skills for employment
6	Exam Period			