

NATIONALS IN A NUTSHELL

The National Parent Forum of Scotland Summary of Business National 4

BUSINESS
SOCIAL STUDIES

NATIONAL
4

2
UNITS

**BUSINESS IN ACTION
INFLUENCES ON BUSINESS**

+
ADDED
VALUE
UNIT

ADDED VALUE UNIT: BUSINESS ASSIGNMENT

What skills will my child develop?

- enterprise and employability skills
- knowledge and understanding of the ways in which business operates
- knowledge and understanding of the role of business
- knowledge and understanding of financial and economic situations
- straightforward business planning techniques to ensure success
- straightforward knowledge and understanding of entrepreneurial attributes for business start-up
- understanding of the straightforward actions taken by business to meet customers' needs and to remain competitive
- knowledge and understanding of key business facts and characteristics
- awareness of straightforward internal and external influences on business activity
- interpreting and drawing elementary conclusions from straightforward business information
- independence, communication and ICT skills



WHAT WILL MY CHILD EXPERIENCE DURING THE COURSE?

- Active and independent learning through self and peer evaluations, group feedback, reflecting on learning, making independent decisions
- A blend of classroom approaches including practical and ICT-based learning; whole class learning; group work and peer learning; visits; focusing on real-life business contexts
- Collaborative learning: working in pairs, small groups or larger groups on small business enterprise projects
- Space for personalisation and choice: learners can choose roles in enterprise group work and also their Assignment topic in discussion with teachers/lecturers
- Applying learning
- Embedding literacy and numeracy skills: communicating; financial awareness; researching, presenting and analysing information; using technology.

ASSESSMENT

- To gain National 4, learners must pass all Units
- Units are assessed as pass or fail by the school/centre (following SQA external quality assurance to meet national standards)
- Unit assessment (or 'evidence of learning') could be presented in a variety of ways such as written reports, presentations, e-portfolio, diaries, blogs, checklist, business plan. A portfolio of work may be prepared
- The Added Value Unit (Assignment) will require learners to produce a business proposal.

This National 4 can progress onto National 5s in Business Management Accounting or Economics

For more detailed course information:

SQA: Business National 4: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45692.html

Education Scotland: www.educationscotland.gov.uk/nationalqualifications/index.asp

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile:

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/CfEFactfileOverview_tcm4-665983.pdf



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