

Sixth Form

Enterprise Pathway:

Your Future in Business *Starts Here*

MOUNT HOUSE SCHOOL

Curriculum at a Glance

A Business-Focused Curriculum

- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Enterprise & Entrepreneurship (2 A-Level equivalent)
- BCS Level 3 Certificate in IT User Skills – essential digital & workplace technology training
- Individual research project or the option to take a Food Preparation course

Real-World Experience

- 1 day of work experience per week
- Hands-on learning through projects, case studies & business challenges

Essential Soft Skills

- Presentation & teamwork skills through business pitches & collaboration
- Independent research & critical thinking via an extended project (EPQ an option)
- Careers guidance

Personalised Support in a Small School Environment

- Tailored work placements & mentoring
- Strong business links & a nurturing community

Perfect Preparation for:

- Degree-Level Apprenticeships, University, Business & Enterprise Careers

Launch your future with Enterprise Pathway!

At Mount House School, our unique Enterprise curriculum is designed for ambitious students who want to build a strong foundation in business, enterprise, and workplace readiness. In an ever-changing world, having practical business knowledge, IT skills, and real-world experience is more valuable than ever. The Enterprise Pathway provides the perfect preparation for students aiming for degree-level apprenticeships, entrepreneurship, or direct entry into the business world.

The Enterprise Pathway is built around the BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, a qualification equivalent to two A-Levels. This course is assessed differently to many other qualifications which can be perfect opportunity for some students to hit their potential and succeed. With some classroom learning included, it is all about equipping students with essential business skills such as financial management, marketing strategies, and business planning. Through hands-on projects and case studies, students develop the ability to think critically and solve business challenges.

Alongside this, students gain valuable IT competence through the BCS Level 3 Certificate in IT User Skills, ensuring they are confident in using digital tools essential for modern businesses. From data analysis to professional presentation software, these IT skills will prepare students for the technological demands of the workplace.

In addition, we will be offering additional guidance as part of our whole Sixth Form Futures programme to the Enterprise Pathways cohort that explores areas such as protecting your personal digital profile, digital marketing,
and aspects of HR and legals.

Developing Soft Skills

Our Enterprise Pathway helps students develop these crucial soft skills too because success in business is not just about knowledge. It is also about communication, problem-solving, and the ability to collaborate.

The curriculum has a focus on:



- **Presentation and Collaboration:** The group will undertake an enterprise project supporting the Wings of Hope charity, working together to formulate, market and deliver a charity fundraising initiative(s). This will be supported by classroom activity that will include regular presentations, teamwork sessions, and business pitches ensure students gain confidence in public speaking and working collaboratively.



- **Independent Research:** Through an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) or a similar extended project, students refine their ability to research, analyse information, and present well-structured arguments—skills highly valued in both higher education and the workplace. If extended writing is not for you then there is also an option to take a Food Preparation qualification for those keen to work in that industry, or just gain an additional skill.



- **Careers Guidance:** Students participate in Futures, the school's Sixth Form careers programme, which includes speakers, university and/or degree apprenticship guidance and lifeskills sessions to help them make informed career choices.

Real-World Experience:

Learning Beyond the Classroom

What sets our Enterprise curriculum apart is the opportunity to learn through a variety of methods. Students will do one day of work experience each week, applying their knowledge in real business environments. We work hard to find placements that suit each student's interests. This might be in sports firms, marketing, finance departments, or even start-ups, this hands-on experience helps them build professional networks and develop an important understanding of workplace expectations.

The Small School Benefit

Mount House School's small, nurturing environment ensures that every student receives personalised support. We are utilising relationships with parents and with local businesses to help students find work experience placements to suit individual career goals. Students will benefit from one-to-one mentoring to reflect on their work experience learning, allowing them to develop confidence and self-awareness as they prepare for their futures.

By combining business expertise, IT proficiency, essential soft skills, and work experience, it provides the perfect stepping stone for students looking to thrive in the modern business world - whether they choose degree-level apprenticeships, higher education, or direct entry into the workplace. Your future in business starts here.

Perfect for Apprenticeships

For students considering a degree-level apprenticeship, the Enterprise programme at Mount House provides the ideal preparation. Combining academic learning with real-world experience, this pathway ensures students develop the knowledge, skills, and practical understanding that employers seek when recruiting apprentices, particularly those courses focused on business. A degree-level apprenticeship is a fantastic way to earn while you learn, gaining a full degree while working in a real business environment. However, competition is high, so preparation is key and the Enterprise Pathway ensures that you have the knowledge and work through the key steps to secure the right apprenticeship.

A Roadmap for a Business Degree Level Apprenticeship

Business focused apprenticeships require applicants to have a number of skills and levels of knowledge for a successful application. Recommended entry requirements regularly include students demonstrating the following attributes:

- High levels of IT competency
- Develop soft skills that include communication, teamwork, presentation and workplace interactions
- Clear commercial and business awareness
- Ability to time manage and organise
- Genuine drive to be involved in the commercial business world



Our Enterprise Pathway ensures that these attributes are achieved and demonstrable to give the best chance of success in the steps towards a business orientated career after Sixth Form. The roadmap to entry for a business focused degree level apprenticeship through our Enterprise Pathway looks like this:



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