

Sixth Form

INSTITUTE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES FINANCIAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE

DURATION

Committed students should complete the course in one year. Students are expected to commit 4 hours per week to the course.

INTRODUCTION

The Certificate in Financial Studies has been designed to enable individuals to be inspired to meet their lifestyle aspirations. The course will improve your understanding of financial matters and provide you with the knowledge to plan your finances throughout your life.

CONTENT

The course is made up of 3 units;

- Why Money Matters
- Risk and Reward
- Making Personal Financial Judgements

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Functional Skills are a compulsory part of all Sixth Form Centre courses. Students set targets to improve their skills, and gain qualifications, in English, Maths and/or IT. The Functional Skills and levels taken are based on initial assessment and previous GCSE results. There is a particular emphasis on skills required for Financial Studies. Students build up a folder of evidence from their vocational work and may be required to sit one or more tests.

TEACHING METHODS

We aim to make students studies as interesting and as enjoyable as possible. Lecturers use a wide range of different teaching methods including teacher lead sessions, case studies and class/group discussions.

ASSESSMENT

The course is assessed by three 1 hour exams. The examinations range from multiple-choice questions to case studies requiring short written answers.

QUALIFICATION GAINED

On successful completion of the course students will be awarded the Institute of Financial Services Financial Studies Certificate (Equivalent to AS).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRESSION

Students may wish to progress to the Diploma in Financial Services and then to seek future employment in the Financial Services Sector. The qualification also combines well with Business courses and other AS level qualifications.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Four GCSE passes at grade C or above must include English and Maths
- A Merit at Intermediate level Business or other relevant qualification, or
- Appropriate work experience

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HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to apply for this programme, please complete a college application form and return it to us. We will then arrange for you to attend one of our Choice and Admissions events, where you can meet college staff and discuss your application. Subject to the outcome of this, a place will be reserved for you at the next intake.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact the Information and Advice Centre on 0121 483 1111, call in or go to www.bournville.ac.uk

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