



A Level Accounting

What will I study?

Accounting introduces you to the language of business – how organisations record, analyse and interpret financial information to make informed decisions. Over the two-year AQA course, you will develop a strong understanding of how accounting information supports planning, control, and decision-making in a variety of business contexts. You will learn the principles of double-entry bookkeeping and how to prepare and interpret financial statements for sole traders, partnerships, and limited companies. The course explores both financial and management accounting, providing insight into how financial information is produced and how it is utilised by managers to inform their decision-making. You will also study costing techniques, budgeting methods, and the use of accounting data to assess business performance. Ethical considerations, accounting concepts, and the professional responsibilities of accountants are embedded throughout the course. Practical problem-solving tasks and case studies help you apply your knowledge to realistic business scenarios, developing accuracy, analytical thinking, and commercial awareness – all valuable skills for higher education and the workplace.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment for AQA A Level Accounting takes place entirely through written examinations at the end of the two-year course. You will sit on two separate papers, which together cover both financial and management accounting, including the preparation and interpretation of accounts, analysis of financial information, and decision-making using accounting data. These examinations are designed to assess your ability to apply accounting principles, perform calculations accurately, and communicate financial information clearly in realistic business contexts.

What are the entry requirements?

You will need to meet the entry requirements for the Sixth Form at MK College, as well as the additional entry requirements for this subject. For Accounting, this normally includes at least a grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics and a grade 5 in GCSE English Language. Additionally, 5 in Accounting or Business if taken. Accounting requires good numerical confidence and accuracy. There is a substantial mathematical element to the course, so if you are not taking A Level Mathematics, we strongly recommend that you take Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Math) as a fourth subject to ensure that you have the best chance of succeeding highly.

Where will this course lead?

An A Level in Accounting opens pathways into degree courses such as Accounting, Finance, Business Management and Economics. Graduates often progress into professional accounting qualifications (ACCA, CIMA, ICAEW) or degree-level apprenticeships in finance and business. Career roles include accounting assistant, financial analyst, bookkeeper, tax advisor, and management accountant. The course is also excellent in preparation for careers in banking, auditing, and the wider commercial sector.

What combines well with this subject?

Accounting fits particularly well with subjects that develop numerical, business, and analytical skills. Consider combining it with: Business, Economics, Mathematics, Computing: App Development, English Language, and Geography.