

Financial Studies



Entry Criteria:

- You will need to achieve the pathway criteria, please see the prospectus for further information
- You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics

Coursework/Examination Requirements:

Certificate Assessment: One written examination worth 65% and one multiple choice examination worth 35%

Diploma Assessment: One written examination worth 65% and one multiple choice examination worth 35%

Awarding Body/Specifications: WJEC

Certificate (Equivalent to one AS Level): If you choose to study this subject for one year only you will be awarded the Certificate (equivalent to one AS Level). You will cover the Certificate unit content and be examined in January and May of Lower Sixth by two examinations in each section.

Certificate/Diploma: In studying for the Certificate/Diploma in Financial Studies (CeFS), you will be encouraged to think about your lifestyle aspirations and taught how to apply the appropriate solution(s) from the wide range available within the evolving Financial Services marketplace. The Certificate/Diploma in Financial Studies is awarded by the London Institute of Banking and Finance. This course is suited to students who wish to learn how to make informed and confident decisions regarding their finances or are considering a career in the Financial Sector or a Business or Finance degree course. **The following units will be covered on this course:**

Certificate/Lower Sixth Units:

Unit 1 – Financial Capability for the Immediate and Short Term This unit will look at the role financial services can play in assisting life planning in the immediate and short term.

Unit 2 – Financial Capability for the Medium and Long Term. This unit will study the ability to plan and manage money in the medium and long term.

Diploma/Upper Sixth Units

Unit 3 – Sustainability of an Individual's Finances. This unit explores how financial service providers can help individuals plan for their financial needs in a sustainable way.

Unit 4 – Sustainability of the Financial Services System. This unit explores the methods used by the industry to provide products which meet customers' needs in a sustainable and profitable way.

Progression: A particularly good choice for those wishing to go on to Higher Education after Sixth Form as it will prepare you for the financial rigours ahead. It is also very useful for those considering a Business, Financial or Economics based degree or for going straight into employment.

Opportunities: Students will have the opportunity to go to London to visit the LIBF University Campus and the Bank of England Museum, as well as taking part in the Student Investor challenge, the UK's premier investment competition and Discover Fortunes, an interactive board game designed to raise awareness of possible careers in Financial Planning.