

CeFS Curriculum Overview

Curriculum intent

- Understanding of finance that affects the individual
- Capability in terms of managing personal finance effectively
- Understanding internal and external factors that affect an individual's decision
- Develop reasoned decision making to avoid financial issues across life stages
- Confidence in financial dealings at the start of their young adult life once left school

Covers main areas:

- Transactional (eg current accounts)
- Savings/ Investments
- Borrowings
- Insurances
- Earnings (& associated deductions) and Spending

Curriculum Implementation

There are modular exams in the course, which are sat in the following order:

Unit 1 – external exam January resit March

Unit 2 – external exam Apr/May resit June

Both units are equally weighted:

Paper 1 = 35q m/s

Paper 2 = 65 mark written paper (40 marks based around pre-release case study)

Teaching and content delivery methods vary and include focused fact teaching, to peer summaries, class debates and discussions. Active learning is a feature of lessons with Barter Game & Investment Game regularly used.

Curriculum impact

This is a valuable course as it provides choice within the 1 year options for sixth form students. It also allows access to A* at an AS equivalent course level meaning that students can perform to exceptional standard. Our course provides higher UCAS points for grades attained when compared to other AS subjects and students have been known to get lower University offers due to the CeFS result gained.

The exam board, LIBF has a graduate route available to those interested in this area of study. Students achieving A*/A can also achieve a student scholarship if they go to the LIBF University.

Lastly, the course has a significant impact on students outside of the curriculum as it equips them with important life skills relevant for next phase of life, be that higher level study, apprenticeship or work. Knowledge gained helps students make informed decisions and know where to get help from thus hopefully making them money safe. Specific skills/knowledge that are used soon after leaving the course include: Student loans; budgeting; financial planning; debt avoidance; getting out of debt; pension enrolment.