# Mapping from OCR GCSE Business and Communication Systems (J230) to OCR GCSE (9-1) Business (J204)

## Introduction

We are really excited about our GCSE (9-1) Business qualification. This is a dynamic, contemporary and exciting course to help students engage with today’s world of business.

Why choose OCR GCSE (9-1) Business?

* The topics are selected and structured to underpin the knowledge and understanding needed for the next generation of Business people.
* Business is enjoyable to teach and learn, giving students the essentials for related higher education courses as well as many transferable, marketable skills.
* The qualification has been designed by working closely with teachers to design a specification and exams that provide clear structure and fair assessment for all.
* The topics are presented in a clear and logical linear order.
* The examinations include real business contexts to assess student understanding of business concepts and how they can be applied in real life.
* The qualification offers an ideal foundation to gain insight into future career paths in business. It can provide a useful stepping stone to many further education qualifications including Cambridge Technicals and A Level Business.

We offer:

* Our GCSE Business team, Deborah and Elisabeth, are passionate about business and education. With teaching and industry experience, they are fully committed to supporting centres’ delivery of Business.
* We will be producing a wide range of [teaching and learning resources](http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-business-j204-from-2017/) from teacher guides to delivery guides, lesson elements, practical activities, candidate exemplars and more.
* Join our conversation on the [OCR Community](http://social.ocr.org.uk/) and @BusEcon to talk about and share good practice.

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## Key differences:

| **OCR GCSE (9-1) Business (J204)** | **OCR GCSE Business and Communication systems (J230)** |
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| Two examined components of equal weight and NO controlled assessment. | One examined unit, one unit of controlled assessment and one practical exam. |
| External assessment only to allow more classroom time for teaching and preparation. | Mixture of internal and external assessment with a significant amount of preparation and marking time required. |
| 15 multiple choice questions and 65 marks of short, medium and extended response style questions in each component to allow breadth of coverage and consistency of format. | No multiple choice questions. |
| Explicit application and assessment of quantitative skills (minimum of 10% of marks) at the level of Key Stage 3 Maths. | No explicit assessment of quantitative skills. |
| A careful balance between understanding business concepts and applying them to real-life business examples. | A significant part of the course and assessment focuses on the practical tasks in business. |

## Content

| **OCR GCSE (9-1) Business** | **OCR GCSE Business and Communication systems (J230)** |
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| 1. **Business Activity**    1. The role of business enterprise & the entrepreneurship    2. Business planning    3. Business ownership    4. Business aims & objectives    5. Stakeholders in business    6. Business growth | **2.1.1.** Impact of uncertainty on business organisation  **2.1.1.** Types of business organisation  **2.2.4.** Differing interests of stakeholders |
| 1. **Marketing**    1. The role of marketing    2. Market research    3. Market segmentation   **2.4.** The marketing mix | **2.1.3.** Use of market research  **2.1.2.** Using market & sales data, how a business can be more competitive. |

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| 1. **People**    1. The role of human resources    2. Organisational structures & different ways of working    3. Communication in business    4. Recruitment & selection    5. Motivation & retention    6. Training & development   **3.7.** Employment law | **2.1.1.** Organisational structures  **2.1.7.** Impact of a failure in communication  **2.2.2.** Business communication  **2.1.5.** Employment law  **2.2.7.** impact on employees of changes to business communication systems |
| 1. **Operations**    1. Production processes    2. Quality of goods and services    3. The sales process & customer service    4. Consumer law    5. Business location    6. Working with suppliers | **2.2.6.** Effectiveness of ICT-based systems  **2.1.5.** Consumer protection law  **2.1.14.**Impact of e-commerce |
| 1. **Finance**    1. The role of the finance function    2. Sources of finance    3. Revenue, costs, profit and loss    4. Break-even    5. Cash and cash flow |  |
| 1. **Influences on business**    1. Ethical & environmental considerations    2. The economic climate    3. Globalisation | **2.1.1.** Role of business in society  **2.1.4.** Ethics & social responsibility |
| 1. **The interdependent nature of business**   Students need to be able to draw together knowledge, skills and understanding from different parts of the course and apply it to decision-making within a business context. |  |
| **Appendix 5c. Quantitative skills requirement**  At least 10% of the total marks for the qualification will reward the use of quantitative skills (calculation and interpretation) at a level of demand which is not lower than that which is expected of learners at Key Stage 3. | **2.2.8** Use of graphs, charts and tables in reports |

## Assessment

| **OCR GCSE (9-1) Business (J204)** | **OCR GCSE Business & Communication Systems (J230)** |
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| **Component 1**  **Business 1: Business activity, marketing & people**  50% of the GCSE  1 hour 30 minutes written paper  80 marks  Section A – multiple choice questions, 15 marks.  Section B – short, medium and extended response questions (typically 1 to 9 marks) based on stimulus material, 65 marks. | **Unit 1: Business and their communication systems**  50% of the GCSE  1 hour 30 minutes written paper  90 marks  Short and medium response questions (typically 1 to 6 marks). |
| **Component 2**  **Business 2: Operations, finance & influences on business**  50% of the GCSE  1 hour 30 minutes written paper  80 marks  Section A – multiple choice questions, 15 marks.  Section B – short, medium and extended response questions (typically 1 to 9 marks) based on stimulus material, 65 marks. There will be a minimum of 2 questions that require synoptic assessment i.e. learners are required to draw on content from across the specification. | **Unit 2: Developing business communication systems**  25% of the GCSE  Controlled Assessment (approximately 15 hours)  60 marks |
|  | **Unit 3: ICT skills for business communication systems**  25% of the GCSE  1 hour practical exam  60 marks |

## Next steps

Familiarise yourself with the specification, sample assessment materials and teaching resources on the [OCR GCSE 9-1 Business qualification page](http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-business-j204-from-2017/) of the OCR website.

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