

## LeAF Studio

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Dear parent, carer

Here at LeAF Studio we currently offer the new GCSE Edexcel 9-1 Business Studies course. On reflection and study of the newly reformed specification, we have taken the decision that in the best interests of the students we will be changing to the BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise. In order for us to continue delivering high quality lessons and gaining the best possible results and outcomes for all our students we believe that this change is essential. It is a much more accessible course and far more relevant to any potential career in business or enterprise. In addition, it is studied by schools across our Trust so the level of support of the qualification is much better.

This decision has not been taken lightly - the success of our students is our priority and we feel that our students will achieve higher grades by studying the BTEC course, which is the equivalent to a full GCSE, in comparison to the 9-1 course.

The new course is made up of 3 components. Components 1 and 2 are coursework based whilst Component 3 is an exam which students have the opportunity to retake if their desired grade is not met. This puts less much less pressure on students than with the GCSE course which is mainly exam based.

We therefore trust that you will accept and support us with this change as we continue to drive up standards and achievement. If you have any questions please contact either myself on [gmanning@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:gmanning@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk) or Mr Clark, Vice Principal on [tclark@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:tclark@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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