



OCR Cambridge Technicals in Business

We are asking all students to complete some Independent Preparatory Work over the summer, before they join Year 12 in September. You will need to bring this work to lessons as the content will be assessed through introductory assessments which will be completed within the few first weeks of the new term.

Tasks

Task 1

We will start the course by studying for an examined unit. This unit will act as an introduction to some new business concepts as well as helping you to revise some of the theories that you were introduced to at GCSE. In order to help you prepare for the new course, I would like you to complete the following tasks:

- Research the different types of business ownership
- Find a strong and reliable definition of each and reference where it is from
- Write a list of the advantages and disadvantages of each type of ownership
- Provide a business example of each

This can be completed in table format or in a Word/PowerPoint. Whatever you feel allows you to clearly demonstrate the tasks above have been completed.

Task 2

A major part of the Cambridge Technicals course is report writing. This is often quite a different style of writing to what students are used to. Therefore, your second task is to research what makes a good report.

You need to do the following:

- Define what a report is. A reliable source and reference is needed
- Create a checklist of what you'd expect to see a report include
- Make a list of things to **avoid** when writing a report
- Read back through Task 2 so far and consider how a report is different from the style of writing you may be used to up to now (different to an essay style perhaps)

This is not a token task for you to do superficially. This work will form the backbone of all future written units and will therefore shape your performance on the 2-year course you have chosen.

Extra reading



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Students who decide to study Cambridge Tech Business should be prepared to read around the subject and be aware of what is happening in the business world. You should look at them regularly in order to keep your knowledge of events in the business world up-to-date:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/>

<http://news.sky.com/business>

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk/business>

The SKY and BBC news websites are particularly good for keeping up-to-date with business developments. The articles are easy to access and they are presented in a very user-friendly format.

<http://www.tutor2u.net/blog/index.php/business-studies/>

This is a website often used by teachers, but it is also useful for students. It allows you to search for key words or browse by A-Z.