



Path your future in..... **Business, Finance & Law**



WHICH PATH DO YOU WANT TO TAKE?

Suggested enrichment activities for these pathways include The Debating Society, Student Council and Eco Action.

ECONOMICS

Economists understand the workings of the financial systems on which modern life depends. They work in areas such as Investment and Private Banking, Mergers and Acquisitions, and in government at local and national level.

You will study AS/A level Economics and Mathematics with two other AS/A levels. At interview guidance will be offered on appropriately challenging subjects to help progression to a competitive university or course.

ACCOUNTANCY

Accountancy is a vital business function for all businesses and public organisations. Job areas include: Accounts Clerk, Credit Controller, Chartered Accountant, Chartered Management Accountant, and Auditor.

You will study AS/A level Business Studies, Economics and Maths with one other course of your choice.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

This is a broad pathway which will interest those who see their future in business and financial management. Jobs include: Financial Manager, Event Organiser, Marketing, Management consultant, Public Relations Officer.

You will study AS/A level Business Studies and Economics with two courses of your choice. AS/A level ICT, Certificate in Financial Studies and AS/A level Maths are recommended options.

LAW

Legal matters are central to most aspects of life and legal professionals are involved with interpreting and applying the Law. Job roles include: Barrister, Company Secretary, Legal Executive, and Solicitor.

You will study BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Business, Certificate in Financial Studies and one AS/A level. You will have the opportunity to apply for our Career Academy - a package of support and paid internship. For details visit www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk/careeracademy

You will study AS/A level Law (recommended at AS as a minimum) and three AS/A level courses from the departments of English and Modern Foreign Languages, Humanities, Science, Social Sciences or Economics.


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FACTS

- An increasing number of graduates are entering jobs in financial services, where a degree is increasingly necessary for managerial and professional jobs. Major banks and well-known accountancy firms such as KPMG, Ernst & Young and PriceWaterhouseCoopers are among the largest recruiters of graduates in the UK.
- There continue to be many jobs requiring clerical and administrative skills across a range of sectors including the civil service, the NHS and large private sector corporations.
- Self-employment is common in some parts of financial services. Accountancy and financial advice are two areas where self-employment is especially widespread.

NORTH WEST REGION EARNINGS


JOB TITLE	TYPICAL ANNUAL SALARIES
Accounts clerk	£19,900
Chartered Certified Accountant (trainee to senior level)	£14,300 - £100,000
Event Organiser	£18,000 - £25,000
Financial manager	£18,000 - £90,000
Chartered Management accountant	£23,000 - £100,000
Market Researcher	£18,000 - £25,000
Marketing Executive	£22,000 - £27,000
Tax adviser	£20,000 - £140,000
Management Consultant (with a number of years exp)	£50,000
Barrister (after 5 years)	£40,000 - £200,000
Experienced Assistant/Associate Solicitor	£42,000
Public Relations Officer	£16,000 - £24,000



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USEFUL CONTACTS

Careers post degree level www.prospects.ac.uk
Chartered Institute of Public Relations www.cipr.co.uk
ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) www.accaglobal.com
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) www.cimaglobal.com
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) www.icaew.com
Chambers Student Guide www.chambersstudnet.co.uk
The Bar Council www.barcouncil.org.uk
The Institute of Legal Executives (ILEX) www.ilex.org.uk
The Law Society of England and Wales www.lawsociety.org.uk

Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (2007) North West regional data set.
Data refers to gross mean earnings for full-time jobs. Annual figures have been rounded to nearest hundred and weekly figures to the nearest full pound (Crown Copyright)

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Almost 3,000 people employed in Blackpool work in the financial services sector, such as banks, insurance companies and accountancy services, this includes those working in finance departments in local government, the health service and other businesses.
- The Working Futures report predicts that there will be growth in areas such as: business, computing, financial services where despite the recent downturn, the number of jobs is predicted to increase by 1.3m over the longer term.
- Following the recession of 2008/09 some accountants have assumed new roles as finance specialists, risk managers, auditors and advisers.
- Key areas of law affected by the recession include banking, finance and property law. Growing practice areas are insolvency, shipping, insurance and employment law.
- Opportunities to practise law are available in private practice, public sector and, increasingly, in-house in industry and commerce.

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