AQA GCSE Business Knowledge Organisers



The following knowledge organisers cover all of the learning in Year 10 & 11 to prepare you not only for the exam but also support your personal development and next steps.

<u>YEAR</u>	TERM	<u>TOPICS</u>			
10	Autumn term	Business in real world,			
10	Spring term	Influences on business,			
10	Summer term	Operations, HR, Mock exam			
11	Autumn term	Finance & marketing			
11	Spring term	Marketing, exam preparation & revision			
11	Summer Term	Exams			
Please see the learning journey at the end of this document for more detailed information					

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AOA GCSE Business - Unit 1

Legal Structures - The Company Types

Type of Ownership	Example	Advantages	Disadvantages
Sole Trader	Electrician	Faster decisions	Limited finance
	Hair dresser	Don't share profit	Unlimited liability
Partnership	Ø Ø	More finance	Must share profits
	Dentists More ideas		Potential conflict
	Vet		Unlimited liability
Private Limited Company (LTD)	Legal firm	More finance	Must publish account
	Small	More ideas	Expensive to setup
	company	Limited liability	
Public Limited Company (PLC)	APPLE	More finance from share sales	Must publish detailed accounts
	Large company	Improved profile	Share variations Expensive to setup
Not-for- profit Organisation	OXFAM	Reduced tax	Expensive to setup
	TROCAIRE	Some grants	Public opinion
		Limited liability	affect control

What is the best format of ownership?

Depends on the aims and objective of the business



What are the main aims & objectives for a business?



Aims change because

Competitor actions Lack of funds Economy changes

Success is measured by...

Growth of company e.g. more staf Increased revenue and profits Reduction of costs

Why would you want to start a business?

-Fill a gap in the market -Provide Jobs

Entrepreneur Objectives Entrepreneur Skills

-Increased income -Do something you enjoy

Survival Hard Reduce working costs

Finance Growth e.g. Take skills on more staff

Social

Confidence

BUSINESS IN THE REAL WORLD

HOW CHANGES IN EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT AFFECT BUSINESS

LEGAL

-May increase costs e.g. new equipment/increased minimum wage

ECONOMICAL

-Changes in interest rate may increase or decrease consumer demand which may impact on sales in a ositive or negative way.

ENVIRONMENTAL

-Grants may be available to companies using renewables/clean energy.

TECHNOLOGY

The use of new technology eg robotics may help to reduce costs and offer an advantage over rivals

Goods Service

Physical product, you can see and touch e.g. PEN

Non-Physical product, you pay for a skill e.g. dentist

Factors of Production

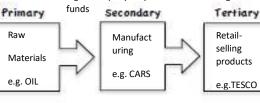
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Opportunity Cost is...

The option which you must sacrifice in order

To pursue your current business option

e.g. a company may sacrifice advertising to save



Government

Taxes from successful business Staff Want a Job and Competitors Stakeholders income May lose customers and market share Customer Supplier Value for Money Lots of orders for

stock they will sell on

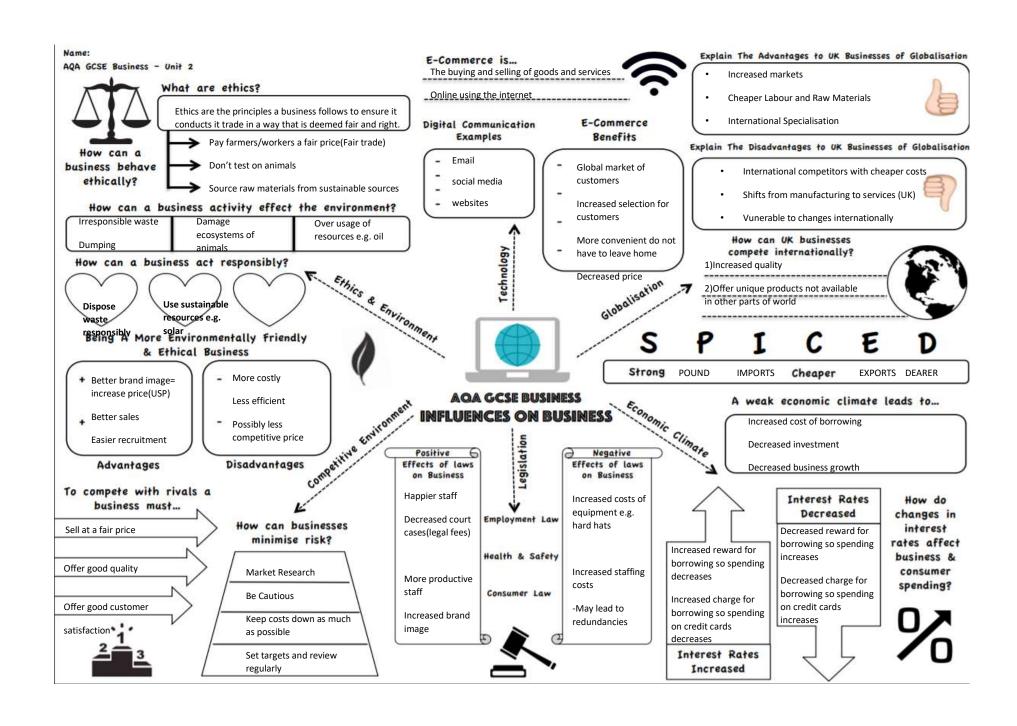
Explain how there may be stakeholder conflict..

Customer may want cheapest price whilst owners may want a higher price to maximise profits

KEYWORDS-UNIT 1

- 1. **Enterprise:** The actions of someone who takes a risk by setting up, investing in and running a business.
- 2. **Entrepreneur:** Someone who takes a calculated risk to make a profit through starting a business.
- 3. A Business: An organisation that exists to produce goods and services on a commercial basis to customers.
- 4. **Good:** Physical tangible product which you can see and touch. E.g a pen.
- 5. **Service:** Where you pay an individual for their expertise e.g. Hairdresser
- 6. **Need:** A product/service you require to live. E.g. food
- 7. Want: A product/service you don't require to live but may enhance your life. E.g. Laptop
- 8. **Opportunity cost:** is measuring the cost of what you purchase in terms of the alternative that you have given up.
- 9. Social enterprise: A business which is setup with other objectives in mind apart from profit .e.g. to provide employment
- 10. Factors of production: These are the resources that businesses use to provide goods and services. These are land, labour, cost and enterprise.
- 11. **Inflation:** The natural tendency for prices to increase over time.
- 12. **Exchange rates:** The value of one currency in comparison with another.
- 13. Interest rate: Interest rate is the amount charged, expressed as a percentage by a lender(bank) to a borrower(consumer).
- 14. Unemployment rate: The amount of people in an area who do not have a job at a given time. Usually expressed as a percentage of the overall population.
- 15. Business legislation Where you pay an individual for their expertise e.g. Hairdresser
- 16. **PESTEL:** An acronym used to remember external factors which affect a business Political, economic, Social trends, Environmental and Legislation.
- 17. External factors: Factors which are outside of a business's control but which they must respond to in order to be competitive.
- 18. **Primary sector:** This is the sector in an economy associated with extracting/farming resources. .e.g. oil, coal mining, growing crops
- 19. Secondary sector: This is the sector in an economy associated with manufacturing a product using the raw materials. E.g. Corn flakes from corn.
- 20. Tertiary sector: This is the sector in an economy associated with supplying/distributing a finished products E.g. Tesco
- 21. Sole trader: A sole trader is an individual owning the business on his/her own. E.g. Plumber
- 22. Partnership: A partnership is formed where a business is started and owned by more than one person. E.g. Vets practise
- 23. **Unlimited liability:** The owners are personally responsible for any debts, if there is not enough money in the business to pay these when require. E.g. may lose house.
- **24.** Limited Company: A company is formed when a business is set up to have a separate legal identity from its owners.
- 25. **Shareholder:** A person who purchases a share in a limited company in exchange for a share of profits.
- 26. **Dividend:** A share of profits given to shareholder at end of year.
- 27. Annual General meeting(AGM) Yearly meeting where profits and size of dividend are declared.
- 28. Economies of scale- The benefits a business enjoys from being larger in size e.g. bulk buying and investment in robots/automaton
- 29. Diseconomies of scale- The weaknesses a business experiences from being larger in size e.g. slower communication, demotivation of staff
- 30. Business aim: Long term overall goal a business wants to achieve e.g. Maximise profit, Growth or survival, be ethical
- 31. Objectives: The short term targets a business must complete in order to achieve the business aim.

You <u>must</u> learn all these words!

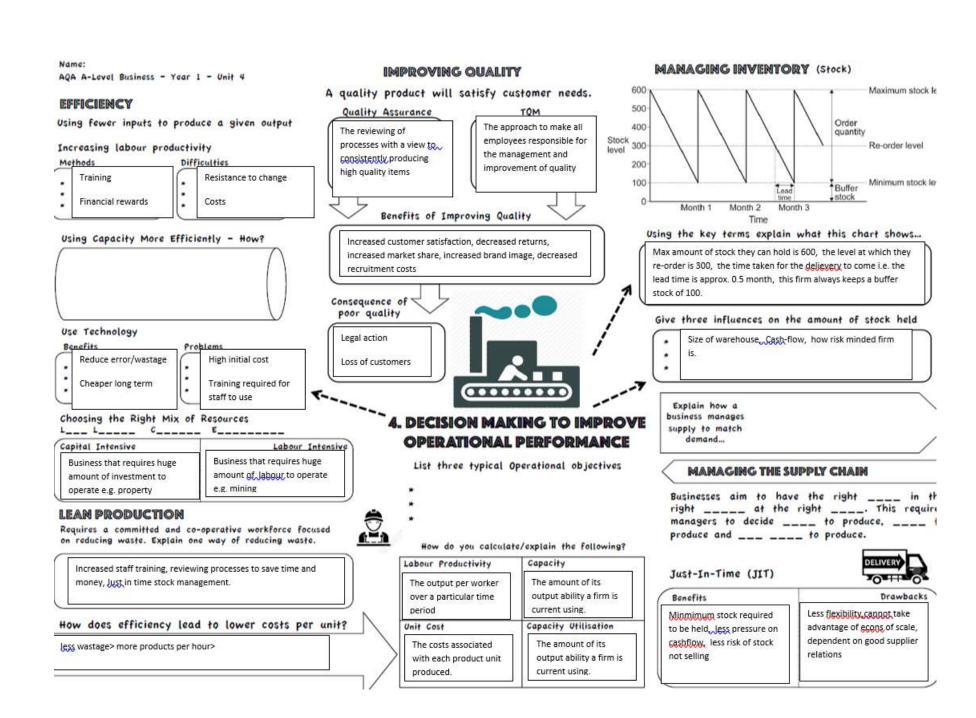


KEYWORDS-Topic 2

- 1. Minimum wage: Minimum amount an employer is allowed to pay an employee in UK
- 2. **Equality act:** A law which ensures that all workers must be treated the same with regard, hiring pay and conditions, This is irrespective of gender, age, disability etc.
- 3. **Health and safety act 1974**: Requires all employers to provide safe places of work, this includes providing safety training and equipment as required.
- 4. Consumer law: A set of laws which protect the consumers of goods. All products must be fit for purpose, match description and of satisfactory quality.
- 5. Employment law: A set of laws that protects the rights of workers .e.g.minimum wage and health and safety act
- 6. **E-commerce:** The buying and selling of good online.
- **7. Ethical business:** The use of fair and right practises when conducting business.
- 8. **Employment rate:** The amount of people employed in a country.
- 9. **Diversification** Where two businesses join together in completely different markets
- 10. Domestic income: The take home pay of an average person in a population
- 11. Interest rate: The % charged on top of a loan in order to use the service. E.g. 10% on £100 loan requires you to actually pay back £110.00.
 - LOW INTEREST= cheaper to borrow on loans> increased business and customer spending
 - HIGH INTEREST= More expensive to borrow
- 12. Market: The particular type of industry that a business currently operates in e.g costa is in the coffee market and nike the sportswear market.
- 13. **Competitive market:** Some markets are particularly challenging to gain loyal customers in. This is due to there already being many well established brands e.g. sportswear.
- 14. **Competition:** The reality that all businesses must challenge each other for customers based on aspects such as cost, quality and image.
- 15. Globalisation: The move towards products and services to be traded throughout the world
- 16. Exchange rate: The value of one currency in comparison to another. When a currency improves its worth it is said to be getting stronger.
- 17. **SPICED:** Strong pound imports cheaper exports dearer. An acronym for remembering the impacts of a strong pound.
- 18. Stakeholder: Individuals or groups of people who have an interest in a business
- 19. Entrepreneur: Someone who starts a business with a view to selling a good/service and trying to make a profit. E.g. dragons den contestants
- 20. Enterprise: The ability to spot potential business opportunities. Some who can spot new businesses is said to be very enterprising.
- 21. Business risk: An educated chance taken in business in order to improve profits or business performance.
- 22. Business uncertainty: This is the fact that in business we can never be 100% sure of the outcome and have to take educated risks.

Market research: Research carried out before launching a new product or business to determine what customers want and what rivals may be doing

You <u>must</u> learn all these words!







On-the-job training: is given in the workplace

Off-the-job training: is provided outside the em-

Induction Training: the training given to an employee when he or she first starts a job.

Off the Job Training: Training that takes place away from the organisation, for example in a hotel conference room or college

On the Job Training: Training that takes place at the actual place of work, for example, sitting next to a more

experienced employee

Organisational Structure: The framework of a business that shows the lines of authority and accountability as well as the chain of command

Person Specification: A document that outlines the skills and qualities a person needs to do a

Recruitment: The process of finding suitable people to fill a job vacancy

Centralisation: Where all key decisions in a business are made centrally, usually by Head Office

Chain of Command: The path (or chain) down which or ders (or commands) are passed. In a company this goes from the board of directors, through senior managers, middle managers, supervisors to the most junior employees.

Customer Service: The experience that a customer gets when dealing with a business and the extent to which that experience meets and exceeds the customer's expectations

Decentralisation: Where the authority to make decisions is spread out through the business **Hierarchy:** Structure of different levels of authority within an organisation, one on top of the other

Line manager: Employee who is responsible for overseeing the work of others further down the organisation's hierarchy

Minimum wage: The lowest payment per hour that can be made to a worker.

All of these Keywords MUST be learned!

Appraisal A method of assessing and evaluating the performance of an employee over a set period of time

Autocratic Management style that involves managers making all the key decisions and telling staff

Centralisation Where all key decisions in a business are made centrally, usually by Head Office

Decentralisation Where the authority to make decisions is spread out through the business

Democratic Management style that involves managers involving staff in the decision making process

Division of Labour Process of dividing up a job into much smaller, repetitive tasks and allocating workers to these individual tasks

Divorce of ownership and control When a public limited company is owned by the shareholders yet controlled by the directors

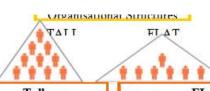
Entrepreneur Someone who sets up their own business and takes all of the risk

External Recruitment Recruiting staff from outside of the organisation

Horizontal Integration Where two businesses join that are in the same industry and in the same stage of production

Internal Recruitment Recruiting staff from within the organisation

Job Description A document that outlines and explains what a job entails, for example, key duties and responsibilities Job Production Method of production that involves making unique or one-off items to specific customer requirements



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+Experienced staff make decisions +Middle Managers less stressed -Takes longer to communicate -Staff have less freedom = demotivated

FLAT

+Less employees overall +faster/clearer communication +Staff more freedom = motivated

-middle managers more stressed -Staff have more freedom = mistake possibly made

Hierarchy	Refers to the management levels within an organisation				
Span of Control	Measures the number of subordinates reporting directly to a manager				
Chain of Command	Is the path of authority along which in- structions are passed, from the CEO downwards				
Delayering	A popular strategy to remove one or more levels of hierarchy from the organi- sational structure				
Delegation	Is when managers entrust tasks or decisions to subordinates				
Line Managers	Are responsible for overseeing the work of other staff				
Subordinates	Report to Line Managers.				
Lines of Communication	Are the routes messages travel along.				



Internal Recruitment

Where candidates for a job vacancy come from within the organisation

External Recruitment

Where candidates for a job vacancy come from **outside** the organisation



Part-Time

Takes place when an employee works for fewer than the normal number of working hours per week

Full-Time

Occurs when someone works a number of hours equal to the normal working week (normally 35-40 hours)

Job Share: When two people are retained on a part-time basis to perform a full-time job

Job Description Document stat-

ing information about the duties and tasks of the job



Person Specification

Document setting out the qualifications and skills required by an employee to fill a particular job



Salary

A fixed annual sum paid monthly to employees

Commission

This is a payment made to employees based on the value of sales achieved



Job Enrichment

Designing a job to give interesting and challenging tasks

Wages

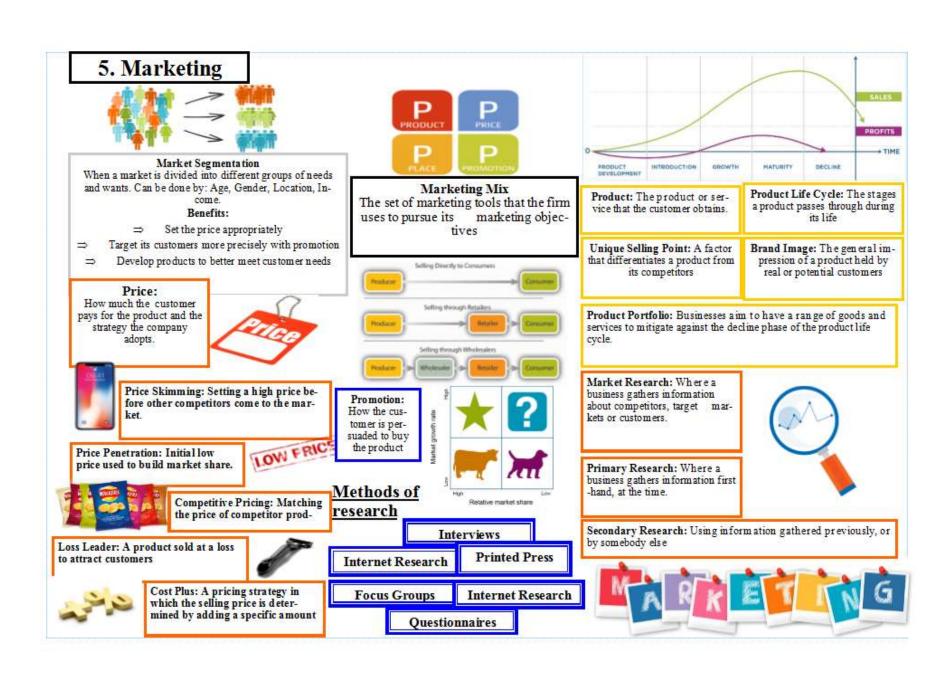
A fixed payment to employees based on hours worked

Fringe Benefits

The 'extras' that employees may receive in addition to their pay (e.g. company car)

Staff Retention:

The proportion of a business's workforce who remain with a business for a period



5. Marketing: Keywords: Must be learned

Advertising Methods of communicating to customers using a variety of media to try and attract customers to purchase a product or service

Boston matrix: A tool used to divide up products based on their market share and also the growth rate of that market.

Cost-plus pricing Pricing strategy that involves adding an amount of profit to the cost of producing the product

Direct Marketing Method of promotion that involves contacting potential customers directly, for example, direct mail

Diversification Where two businesses join together in completely different markets

Economies of Scale The benefits a firm gains from an increase in its scale of production

Ethical Objectives A special target for a business to do the right thing

Extension Strategies Methods a business uses to try and extend the sales of a product

Loss-leader pricing Pricing strategy that involves setting a price that is below the cost of making the product

Mail Order Method of distribution that allows customers to buy products and receive them through the post

Marketing Mix A combination of factors which help a business to take in to account customer needs when marketing a product. Known as the 4 Ps (product, price, place, promotion)

Market Share The proportion of the total sales of a market that are sold by one business

Multinational A business that operates in more than one country

Primary Research Market research that has been obtained for the first time

Product Life Cycle The sales of a product from its initial development to its eventual decline

Product Portfolio The range of products offered by one business

Promotion The different ways that firms try and attract customers to buy a product or service

Quality A product or service that meets customers expectations

Sponsorship Form of promotion that involves a business paying for an event or activity in order to gain extra publicity Stakeholder Individuals or groups of people who have an interest in a business

Total Quality Management A method of quality assurance whereby every worker takes responsibility for quality

Vertical Backward integration Where two business join in the same industry but where one business is further back in the stage of production

Vertical Forward integration Where two businesses join together in the same industry but where one business is further forward in the stage of production

Wholesaler A business that buys stock in bulk from suppliers, breaks stock down into smaller units and sells these onto retailers

Sources of Finance: The sources a business uses to obtain capital.



Sources of Finance					
Retained Prof- it	Is the profit kept in the company rather than paid out to shareholders as a dividend. Retained profit is widely regarded as the most important long-term source of finance for a business.				
Loan	Money borrowed from a bank or family member which is usually paid back with interest.				
Mortgage	A long term loan (eg. 25 years) that requires monthly payments and is leverage against buildings.				
Sale of Assets	Selling unwanted or underused assets to raise fund EG. Capital Equipment.				
Overdrafts	A short term finance option, allowing the business to withdraw more money than they have in their bank account. Charges apply.				
Trade Credit	Suppliers will offer the business a set number of days before they have to pay invoices. (Normally 30- to 60 days).				
Hire Purchase	Rather than spend money on capital machinery, businesses will enter into an agreement whereby they pay a monthly fee to spread the cost.				
Government Grants	There are several government grants available to support businesses in the UK, especially in areas of high unemployment.				

Cash Flow: The total amount of money being transferred into and out of a business

Rescheduling Payments Debt rescheduling refers to re-

structuring the terms of an existing loan of bond in order to extend the repayment period.

> Average Rate of Return ARR = average yearly profit x 100 ÷ cost of investment

Net Cash Flow: The difference between a company's cash inflow and outflows in a given period.

Opening Balance: The amount of cash in the account at the start of the period (e.g. month)

	Jan.	Feb.	March	
Inflows				
Sales	1030	1150	1140	
Total Inflow	1030	1150	1140	
Outflows				
Rent & Rates	0	0	630	
Wages	700	700	700	
Supplies	270	300	300	
Total Outflow	970	1000	1630	= Total cash in -
Net cash flow	60	150	-490 /	total cash out
Opening Balance	0	60	210	= End of previous month
Closing Balance	60	210	-280	
		1		Net cash flow balance at start of month

Analysing Business Performance

Assets that the business only expects Current to have for a short time (cash, raw mate-Assets

An asset that the business has for many Fixed Asyears (vehicles, premises, equipment) sets

Debts that a business will pay back with-Current in the year (creditors [trade credit], Liabilities overdraft)

Debts that will be paid back over many Nonyears (bank loans, mortgage) urrent Liabilities

Revenue minus cost of sales (C.O.S. = Gross costs involved in directly supplying the Profit goods or service.

Sales Revenue minus cost of sales, over-Net Profit heads and other business costs

Sheet

A document describing the financial Balance position of a company at a particular point in time. It compares assets with liabilities.

Variable Costs that vary directly with the busi-Costs ness's level of output Fixed Those costs that do not change when a Costs business changes its output Fixed Costs + Variable Costs Total Costs Sales Rev-Selling Price x Quantity Break-The level of production at which a

ther a profit nor a loss.

business's total costs and sales revenue are equal. The business is making nei-



AQA GCSE Business: 6. Finance: KEYWORDS

Assets Items that a firm owns that are of value, for example, vehicles and stock

Bank Loan A source of finance obtained from a bank that needs to be paid back over a certain time with interest

Cash Flow The movement of cash in and out of a business over a period of time

Current Liabilities Debts of the business that are classed as short term. Usually need to be repaid within one year

Fixed Cost A cost that doesn't change with output e.g. rent

Gross Profit The difference between a firms sales revenue and its cost of goods sold

Gross Profit Margin Gross Profit / sales revenue x 100

Income Statement Financial statement that shows whether a business has made a profit or loss over (usually) (Profit and Loss account) a yearly period

Liabilities Debts that the firm owes

Limited Liability Where the amount that investors can lose if a business fails is limited to the amount that they have invested

Liquidity The ability of a business to meet its short term debts

Long Term Liabilities Debts of the business that are classed as long term. Usually need to be repaid after one year

Mortgage Source of long-term finance that is used by a business to purchase property

Net Profit Margin Net Profit / sales revenue x 100

Overdraft Borrowing money from a bank on a short-term basis, by drawing more from the bank account than is actually available. Interest is charged

Profit Total revenue - Total Costs

Retained Profit Profit that is kept back by the business rather than being paid to shareholders as dividends

Revenue The money a business receives from the sale of its products and/or services

Statement of Financial

Position (Balance Sheet) Financial statement that shows the value of a firms assets and liabilities

Takeover When one business buys enough shares in another business to take control

Total Costs Fixed Costs + Total variable costs

Unit Cost The cost of producing one unit. Outputted units/total cost to make

Variable Costs A cost that changes with output e.g raw materials

