# Please note we are still waiting for final details to be agreed by the exam body for this course

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL STUDIES

Title of Exam: Level 3

**Exam Board:** Agored Cymru

## **Course Overview:**

This exciting offer is a fully certified Level 3 qualification. It is fully recognised by UCAS and universities.

The financially-related content of DipFS serves as a strong grounding for undergraduate study within finance and business-related disciplines, with many students going on to study accounting, business, finance and banking.

The course runs over two years. In the first year students complete the Certificate in Financial studies learning to make informed financial decisions through the understanding of the risks and challenges involved in personal finance and the importance of financial planning. Students do all of this through developing key skills such as critical analysis and evaluation. In the second year student's progress to the full Diploma in Financial Studies.

Financial capability takes students on a journey, recognising the importance of managing their own money both day to day and in planning for future life events. For example, buying their first property.

Sustainability is the key term when looking at the final year units. In these units students will explore the actions they can take to protect their finances and make their money work for them. Students will also look at the sustainability of the financial services system - this involves looking at institutions and the factors that influence them.

- Unit 1 Financial Capability for the Immediate and Short Term
- Unit 2 Financial Capability for the Medium and Long Term
- Unit 3 Sustainability of an Individual's Finances
- Unit 4 Sustainability of the Financial Services System

#### Level 3 Assessment:

There is a variety of assessment used on the DipFS including online multiple choice examinations and extended written examinations.

#### Year 1:

- 2 Multiple choice examinations each lasting 45 minutes
- 2 Written examinations each lasting 1 hour 45 minutes

#### Year 2:

- 2 Multiple choice examinations each lasting 1 hour
- 2 Written examinations each lasting 2 hours

# Career opportunities:

Possible future career opportunities include stockbroking, trading, accountancy, business, and finance.

# Students who study this subject often complement it with:

Business Studies, IT, Sociology

### **Useful revision websites:**

www.tutor2u.net

www.thetimes100.co.uk