

Welsh BaccaLaureate Qualification at Key Stage 4



Learners will study for the Welsh BaccaLaureate (national/foundation) throughout Years 10 and 11. Delivery will be through three lessons a fortnight and designated collapsed days throughout the year

The central focus of the Welsh BaccaLaureate at Key Stage 4 is to provide a vehicle for 14-16 year olds to consolidate and develop essential and employability skills. The qualification will help learners to prepare for their future by developing skills, attributes and behaviours valued by post-16 educators and potential employers. The emphasis of the qualification is on applied learning i.e. acquiring and applying a range of transferable skills. Learners will develop skills in the context of purposeful tasks and appropriate knowledge and understanding. The Welsh BaccaLaureate will encourage the learner to value skills development as a key aspect of education and life-long learning. Offering a learning experience relevant to the needs and demands of the workplace will develop learners' confidence, drive and initiative, preparing them to enter, succeed and progress in the world of work.

The **Skills Challenge Certificate** consists of four components which are followed by all learners:

- Individual Project
- Enterprise and Employability Challenge
- Global Citizenship Challenge
- Community Challenge

The combined outcomes of the four components will determine whether the Skills Challenge Certificate is awarded at National or Foundation level.

The **Supporting Qualifications** include two mandatory GCSEs of English Language or Welsh Language together with Mathematics-Numeracy. A further three GCSEs are also required, of which two may be of equivalent qualifications.

To meet the National Welsh BaccaLaureate requirements all five of the Supporting Qualifications must be achieved at grades A*-C. Similarly, for the Foundation Welsh BaccaLaureate the Supporting Qualifications must be achieved at grades A*-G.

The weightings of the assessed components are as follows:

Component	Weighting	Assessed Skills
Enterprise and Employability Challenge	20%	Creativity and innovation Personal Effectiveness Digital Literacy
Global Citizenship Challenge	15%	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Creativity and Innovation
Community Challenge	15%	Planning and Organisation Personal Effectiveness
Individual Project	50%	Planning and Organisation Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Digital Literacy