

Welsh Bacallaureate

Course Outline

The central focus of the Welsh Bacallaureate at Key Stage 4 is to provide a vehicle for 14 - 16 year olds to consolidate and develop essential transferable employability skills. The programme will require the completion of a Skills Challenge Certificate along with supporting qualifications such as GCSEs at Key Stage 4. The requirements of both the Skills Challenge Certificate and Supporting Qualifications must be met in order to achieve the overarching Welsh Bacallaureate.

What will I study?

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

Each component of the Skills Challenge will incorporate seven skills which learners need for learning, work and life:

- Literacy
- Digital Literacy
- Planning and Organisation
- Personal Effectiveness
- Numeracy
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Creativity and Innovation

The award will offer two levels of achievement either at the higher National level or the lower Foundation level.

National Welsh Bacallaureate:

To achieve the **National** Welsh Bacallaureate learners must achieve the National Skills Challenge Certificate together with the following Supporting Qualifications:

- GCSE English Language at grade A* - C;
- GCSE Mathematics OR Numeracy at grade A* - C;
- At least three other GCSEs at grade A* - C, of which two may be equivalent qualifications.

Foundation Welsh Bacallaureate:

To achieve the **Foundation** Welsh Bacallaureate learners must achieve either the National or Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate together with the following Supporting Qualifications:

- GCSE English Language at grade A* - G;
- GCSE Mathematics OR Numeracy at grade A* - G;
- At least three other GCSEs grade A* - G, of which two may be equivalent qualifications.