

# WELSH BACCALAUREATE/SKILLS CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE

## **What is the Welsh Baccalaureate?**

Everyone will be taking the Welsh Baccalaureate course in Year 10. The course adds a new dimension to your other subjects and courses. It encourages you to be more independent and adds 'real life' experiences to school and your studies.

The central focus of the Welsh Baccalaureate in Year 10 and 11 is to provide an opportunity for developing essential and employability skills. The qualification will help you to prepare for your future by developing qualities valued by post-16 educators and potential employers.

The skills you will need to develop are:

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

## **What do I have to do to get the qualification?**

To get your full qualification you will work through the new Skills Challenge Certificate which is your skills GCSE. Later when this is combined with five more GCSE's you can achieve your full Welsh Baccalaureate which employers and educators recognise as being a worthwhile qualification.

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 challenges will provide you with the opportunity to develop your knowledge and understanding of society, the community in which you live as well as an awareness of global issues, events and perspectives. All while developing the 7 skills listed above.

### **How will I be assessed?**

All the challenges have important and clear stages of learning whilst developing your skills, but then at the end of each challenge there is a controlled assessment. In the controlled assessment, you will be expected to generate evidence which shows how you have developed your skills. Each of the four challenges concentrates on different skills.

<b>Skills Challenge Certificate components</b>	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Assessed Skills</b>	<b>Internal Assessment</b>	<b>External Moderation</b>
<b>Individual Project</b>	50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning and Organisation</li><li>• Critical Thinking and Problem Solving</li><li>• Digital Literacy</li></ul>	✓	✓
<b>Enterprise and Employability Challenge</b>	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creativity and Innovation</li><li>• Personal Effectiveness</li><li>• Digital Literacy</li></ul>	✓	✓
<b>Global Citizenship Challenge</b>	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critical Thinking and Problem Solving</li><li>• Creativity and Innovation</li></ul>	✓	✓
<b>Community Challenge</b>	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning and Organisation</li><li>• Personal Effectiveness</li></ul>	✓	✓

For each challenge will be given an assessed mark and then all the marks will be added up to give you your Skills Challenge Certificate grade which will be graded A\* to G, which is the same as your other GCSE's.

### **How important in my Welsh Bacc?**

Every student in Wales and many Sixth Formers will be studying for their Welsh Bacc, so it's important that you get yours because employers, colleges and universities will be expecting you to have achieved your qualification whilst in school.

### **More information**

If you would like more information about this course, please speak to Miss Feathers or Mrs Hawke-Jones in the Welsh Bacc Office, next to the lift on L Corridor.

