

# Welsh Baccalaureate Intermediate / Foundation Level

## *Y Bac Cymreig Lefel Uwch*

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### Overview of course content

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 in the Welsh Baccalaureate 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. - **WJEC**



### Summary of assessment

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

**The National Skills Challenge Certificate is graded A\* - C.**

**The Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate is graded Foundation Pass or Foundation Pass\*.**

**Welsh Baccalaureate National Qualification** - To achieve the National WBQ learners must achieve the National Skills Challenge Certificate together with the following Supporting Qualifications:

- GCSE English Language or GCSE Welsh Language at grade A\* - C;
- GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy at grade A\* - C;
- A minimum of three further GCSEs grade A\*- C, of which two may be equivalent qualifications.

**Welsh Baccalaureate Foundation Qualification** - A small number of pupils will follow the Foundation WBQ pathway. To achieve the Foundation WBQ learners must achieve either the National or Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate together with the following Supporting Qualifications:

- GCSE English Language or GCSE Welsh Language at grade A\* - G;
- GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy at grade A\* - G;
- A minimum of three further GCSEs grade A\*- G, of which two may be equivalent qualifications.

### Learning Pathways post 16

Most learning providers offer this course at advanced level. Employers and Further and Higher Education institutions value the Welsh Baccalaureate very highly as students show not only academic abilities but have developed skills that enable them to engage in the next stage of their learning.