

# WELSH BACCALAUREATE QUALIFICATION

## LEVEL 3

### Course Content

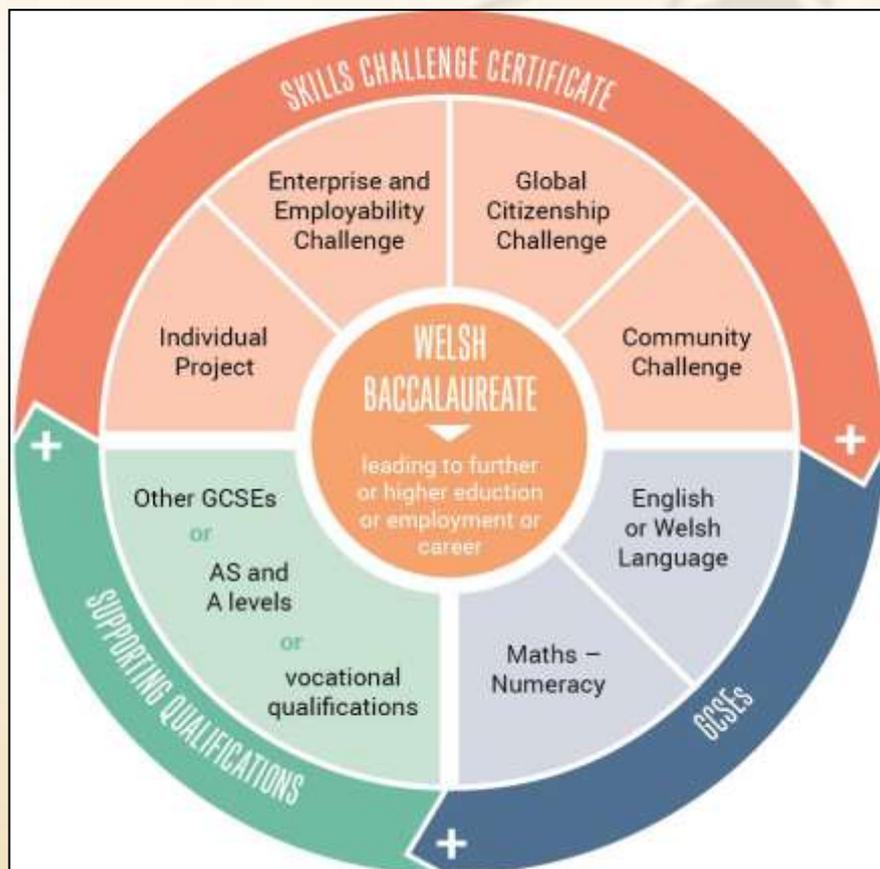
The Welsh Bacculaureate has been developed by the Welsh Government as the overarching qualification designed to ensure that learners in Wales are equipped with the skills and attributes required for higher education and employment.

The Welsh Bacculaureate has a clear focus on the following Skills which will be developed, applied and assessed throughout the course.

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

It aims to make learning relevant and set in real-life contexts for real-life purposes. Alongside and through the development of Skills, the Welsh Bacculaureate will provide learners with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of society, the community in which they live and an awareness of global issues and events.

In order to achieve the Welsh Bacculaureate learners must achieve the **Skills Challenge Certificate**, equivalent to one A level, and **Supporting Qualifications**.



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The **Skills Challenge Certificate**, which is at the heart of the course, consists of four Challenges which are followed by all learners:

- **Enterprise and Employability Challenge** - Develop enterprising skills and qualities which will enhance employability.
- **Global Citizenship Challenge** - Provide learners with an understanding of Global issues and how they can respond to them.
- **Community Challenge** - Learners have the opportunity to participate in activities that will benefit the community.
- **Individual Project** - Develop skills, through carrying out a research activity in an area of personal interest.

## Assessment

Each Challenge is assessed separately and the combined outcomes of the four Challenges will determine the grade at which the Skills Challenge Certificate is awarded.

As well as the **Skills Challenge Certificate** learners must achieve the **Supporting Qualifications**.

The Supporting Qualifications are:

- English Language or Welsh First Language plus Mathematics or Numeracy at GCSE grade C or above.
- A further two GCE A levels or equivalent at Level 3.

To achieve the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate the Skills Challenge Certificate and supporting qualifications must be achieved.

Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate will be graded at A\* - E

## Progression

- Students use the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate to apply to universities throughout the UK.
- The Skills acquired within the Welsh Baccalaureate have been identified by OECD as world leading skills that are needed for the development of each country.
- These Skills are directly required for Higher Education and Employment. Students studying in University need to be independent learners – the skills which they develop within the Welsh Baccalaureate will be directly used within university.

“We expect students who come to Oxford to be independent thinkers and highly motivated for the subjects they plan to study. The new Welsh Baccalaureate will develop students in that direction”  
Dr Samina Khan, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Oxford University.