

25th October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to confirm arrangements for Year 13 pupils in regard to the Skills Challenge Certificate. The Skills Challenge Certificate is a stand-alone A Level which is graded A* to E and all pupils worked towards completing the qualification in Year 12. If pupils achieve a pass alongside two other A Level (or equivalent) passes then they are awarded the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate – the Welsh Government’s measure of educational success in Years 11 and 13. Providing the opportunity for all pupils to pass this qualification is a priority for the school, particularly as the Skills Challenge Certificate has been a crucial element in successful UCAS applications for a huge number of pupils in recent years. As such, it is the expectation that all Year 13 pupils will continue to attend all Skills Challenge Certificate lessons.

Pupils worked on two of the four modules in Year 12 - the Community Challenge and the Enterprise and Employability Challenge - and all pupils should currently be attending lessons every Friday morning in order to complete the outstanding work for those modules. In addition, all pupils should be attending two timetabled lessons each fortnight to work on their Individual Project, which must be completed by the end of the Autumn Term in December.

This means that by the end of the Autumn Term, all pupils should have completed 85% of the qualification, with just the Global Citizenship Challenge to complete, as shown in the table below. The work for this module will be completed in the Spring Term.

| Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate | | |
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| Module | Weighting | Completed by |
| Community Challenge | 15% | December 2018 |
| Enterprise and Employability Challenge | 20% | December 2018 |
| Global Citizenship Challenge | 15% | March 2019 |
| Individual Project | 50% | December 2018 |

If you have any questions or queries regarding this issue, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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