

The aim of the Welsh Baccalaureate is to provide pupils with the opportunity to develop and demonstrate an understanding of essential and employability skills.

Creativity and Innovation

Digital Literacy

Literacy

Personal Effectiveness

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Planning and Organisation

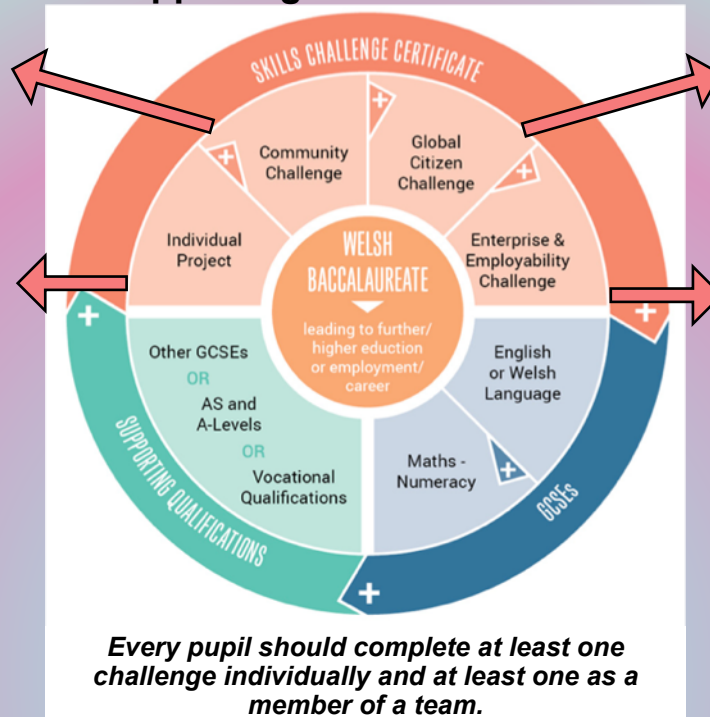
Numeracy

The Welsh Baccalaureate is based on:

- Skills Challenge Certificate.
- Supporting Qualifications.

Global citizenship challenge: an opportunity to learn about world problems and issues, think critically about them and respond by raising awareness of the issue.

Enterprise and employability challenge: opportunities to create and implement innovative ideas based on meeting the needs of customers and/or businesses by developing a product or service.



Every pupil should complete at least one challenge individually and at least one as a member of a team.

The Supporting Qualifications include two mandatory GCSEs of English Language or Welsh Language together with Mathematics-Numeracy. A further three GCSEs are also required, of which two may be of equivalent qualifications (BTEC).

It is possible to achieve the qualification at **NATIONAL** level or at **FOUNDATION** level.

To meet the **NATIONAL** Welsh Baccalaureate requirements all five of the Supporting Qualifications must be achieved at grades A*- C.

- 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.

- For the **FOUNDATION** Welsh Baccalaureate the Supporting Qualifications must be achieved at grades A*- G.
- 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.

Component achievement is based on a learner's ability to meet the learning outcomes. Each component is awarded a summative grade;

- Level 1 Pass;
- Level 2 Pass;
- Level 2 Merit;
- Level 2 Distinction.

Performance bands enable learners to demonstrate their ability to meet the learning outcome. All components have four performance bands, each being allocated a range of 3 points. Where there is no evidence or work is not worthy of credit a score of 0 marks should be allocated.

Performance Band	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4
Points	1 - 3	4 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12

The National Skills Challenge Certificate is graded A*- C. For a National award, learners must achieve all of the components, the Individual Project and the three Challenges, with a minimum of 80% at level 2 and the further 20% at level 1.

The Skills Certificate is worth 1 GCSE to pupils