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**WELSH BACCALAUREATE  
 ADVANCED LEVEL**

**Course Outline**

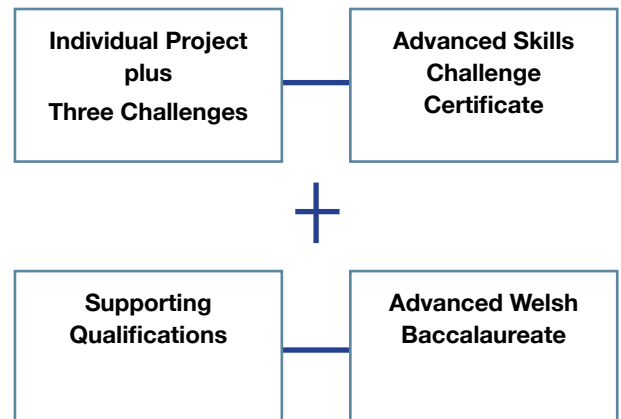
**WHY STUDY WBQ AT ADVANCED LEVEL?**

The central focus of the Welsh Baccalaureate at Advanced level is to provide a vehicle for level 3 learners to consolidate and progress the development of essential and employability skills.

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. Through the Welsh Baccalaureate learners will raise their skills levels and confidence, enabling and empowering them to take their place as responsible and active citizens within a diverse society. Alongside and through the development of skills, the Welsh Baccalaureate provides learners with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of society, the community in which they live and an awareness of global issues, events and perspectives.



The following diagram illustrates the routes towards achievement of the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate.



**Overview of course**

- Two year course
- Must be studied alongside a minimum of two other qualifications

The Welsh Baccalaureate is based on a Skills Challenge Certificate alongside Supporting Qualifications. The requirements of both the Skills Challenge Certificate and Supporting Qualifications must be met in order to achieve the overarching Welsh Baccalaureate. 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 Supporting Qualifications include two mandatory GCSEs of English Language or Welsh Language together with Mathematics-Numeracy at grades A\*-C.

Learners require two A levels grade A\* - E.

**Useful Links**

[www.welshbaccalaureate.org.uk](http://www.welshbaccalaureate.org.uk)

[www.wjec.co.uk](http://www.wjec.co.uk)

The focus of the Skills Challenge Certificate will be on the essential and employability skills young people need in their future lives and these skills will be developed and assessed through an Individual Project and three Challenges. The Skills Challenge Certificate has been designed to include learning and assessment which will enthuse, engage and motivate learners in the classroom, the workplace and the wider community.

Learners will be required to consider how the application of their learning may impact on individuals, employers, society and the environment. The qualification has been devised around the concept of a 'plan, do, and review' approach to learning where learners are introduced to a context for learning, planning activities, carrying out activities, reviewing outcomes and learning.