

# Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate

## Overview

The Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate provides opportunities for students to build their skill 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, this qualification 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 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.

## KS5 provide overview of what is studied at KS5

The year 12 student tutorials for this qualification have been designed alongside universities with the aim of improving the broader skill set and resilience of sixth form students. Tutorials improve performance and transition into higher education, apprenticeships or employment settings. Learning and assessment in these sessions will enthuse, engage and motivate learners in the classroom, the workplace and the wider community and learners will be introduced to a context for learning, planning activities, carrying out activities and reviewing outcomes and learning. Students will undertake three challenges in Year 12 which include the enterprise and employability challenge, the community challenge and the global challenge.

In year 13 pupils complete an individual investigation in the form of a research project. Students have an opportunity to select a topic area that is complex in nature, inspires them and can benefit future applications and interviews. This also provides an opportunity to explore an issue in more depth than is provided in other areas of study. Students learn how to collect, collate, analyse and interpret data and information to produce a written dissertation of 3,000 – 5,000 words in length.

