



Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

Overview

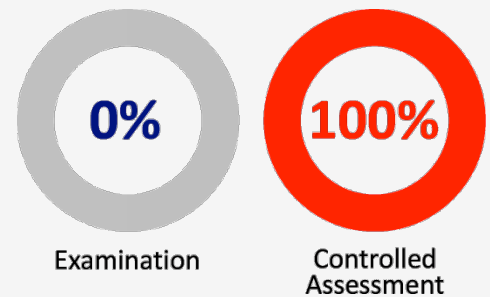
The new Welsh Baccalaureate (WB) has been introduced to learners at age 14 to 19 from September 2015. It's new format has been designed to help learners develop the skills they will need for higher education, employment and life.

From September 2015, the new Welsh Baccalaureate will be universally adopted by all educational establishments in Wales. The qualification will offer flexibility and inclusivity to all learners and will be studied alongside the learner's traditional choices at AS and A level, or vocational qualifications. 360 hours will be allocated for the completion of the WB.

The revised Welsh Baccalaureate(WB) will be rigorously assessed. It will be graded, ensuring that hard work, effort, commitment and high performance are better rewarded and recognised by higher education and employers.

The WB is primarily about the development and assessment of essential skills such as literacy and numeracy, digital literacy, critical thinking, problem solving, planning and organisation, creativity and innovation and personal effectiveness.

Assessment



Examining Board

WJEC/CBAC

Requirements

Welsh Baccalaureate at National Level would be an advantage.

Departmental Staff

Mr. R. Evans (Curriculum Leader)



What the experts say...

“From our perspective, we expect students who come to Oxford to be independent thinkers, highly motivated and flexible. I truly believe that the new qualifications from Wales, especially the refocused and strengthened Welsh Baccalaureate, will help develop students in that direction.”

Dr Samina Khan: Oxford University



Course Outline

Specifications and delivery models from 2015 are currently being refined and adjusted. Our school will continue to liaise closely with the Welsh Government, Regional Consortia and the WJEC, to ensure that the delivery of the Welsh Baccalaureate is consistent with other schools throughout Wales.

Year 12 - Learners will engage in the Enterprise and Employability Challenges, Community Challenges and Global Citizenship Challenges.

Year 13 – Learners will engage in the Individual Project, Community Challenges and Global Citizenship Challenges.

Learners will develop and use these acquired skills. These skills will be assessed by the completion of an Individual Project (50%) and three Skills Challenges:

- Enterprise and Employability Challenge (20%)
- Global Citizenship Challenge (15%)
- Community Challenge (15%)

The Individual Project and Skills Challenges will all be graded to strengthen the qualification and to reward learners who achieve high standards. Completion of these four sections will result in completion and achievement of the Skills Challenge Certificate.

Career and Progression Opportunities

The Welsh Baccalaureate is recognised and accepted by universities throughout the UK, as an entry qualification. The new graded Welsh Baccalaureate has strengthened this position. The more radical changes that have been introduced, will develop and assess the skills that universities profess, that all learners require for learning, work and life.

The Welsh Government and WJEC have invested heavily in improving the extensive WB programme and consultation with UK universities has been extensive. Feedback has been very positive about the new specifications.

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