

GCSE Skills

Everyone will be taking **GCSE Skills** (formerly known as Welsh Baccalaureate) in Year 10 and Year 11. The course adds a new dimension to your other subjects and courses. It encourages you to be more independent and adds 'real life' experiences to school and your studies.

The central focus of GCSE Skills is to provide an opportunity for developing essential and employability skills. The qualification will help you to prepare for your future by developing qualities and skills valued by post-16 educators and potential employers such as:

**Literacy • Numeracy • Digital Literacy • Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
Creativity and Innovation • Planning and Organisation • Personal Effectiveness**

To get your full qualification you will work through a series of challenges which are delivered through either controlled assessments and/or coursework.

The GCSE Skills is a fully graded A* to Pass GCSE and consists of three components:

Individual Project • Enterprise and Employability Challenge • Global Citizenship Challenge

The challenges will provide you with the opportunity to develop your knowledge and understanding of society, the community in which you live as well as an awareness of global issues, events and perspectives. Whilst you complete your challenges, you will be developing your skills for future study and employment!



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our experienced teaching team provide
expert guidance and tuition.

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Assessment Information

Examining Board: WJEC Accreditation: GCSE Grades A* - C / Pass Level 1

All the challenges have important and clear stages of learning and specific skills to focus on. At the end of each there is a controlled assessment through which you will be expected to generate evidence that shows how you have developed the skills for that challenge. Each of the challenges concentrates on different skills. The Individual Project is not a controlled assessment but an extended piece of research which you can work on at home as well as in school.

Year	Unit	Weighting	Assessed Skills	Internal Assessment	External Assessment
10	Enterprise & Employability Challenge	25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creativity and Innovation • Personal Effectiveness • Digital Literacy 	✓	✓
	Global Citizenship Challenge	25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Thinking and Problem Solving • Creativity and Innovation 	✓	✓
11	Individual Project	50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Organisation • Critical Thinking and Problem Solving • Digital Literacy 	✓	✓

For each challenge and your Individual Project you will be given an assessed mark and then all the marks will be added up to give you your GCSE Skills grade.

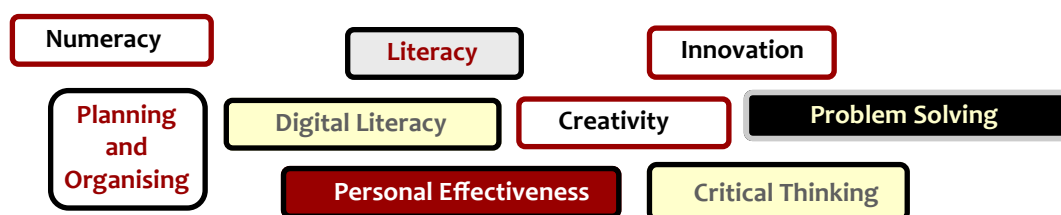
Who is suitable for this course?

Everyone will be taking GCSE Skills. It encourages you to be more independent and adds 'real-life' experiences to school and your studies.

Why should I take this course?

Every student in Wales and many Sixth Formers will be studying this qualification as it has become part of the core curriculum. It is important that you get your qualification because employers, colleges, and universities will be expecting you to have achieved your GCSE whilst in school.

GCSE Skills will help you prepare for your future by developing your skills in:



For Further Information

Please contact the Welsh Bacc Office.

