

Welsh Baccalaureate

The Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification gives equal respect to academic or vocational routes, in line with Learning Pathways 14-19 in Wales. To achieve the full Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification students must achieve the full requirements of the Core Programme together with the necessary Options.

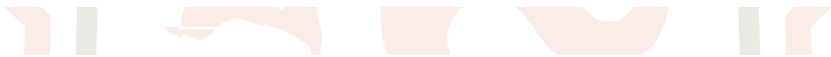
One of the significant features of the Welsh Baccalaureate is that it requires students to do both traditional qualifications and to develop other vital skills that prepare for both Higher Education and the world of work. At Ysgol Treffynnon the Welsh baccalaureate is taken at Intermediate level – which is broadly the level of GCSE grade A*-C. The Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification consists of two parts; the Options, and the Core.

Options

Options are the subjects the learners choose from academic or vocational qualifications, such as their GCSEs, AS/A levels, BTECs or NVQs. To get a full Intermediate Level they should achieve four A*-C at GCSE or NVQ Level 2 or equivalent in any of their subjects.

The Core

The Welsh Baccalaureate Core Programme provides greater breadth and balance in learners programmes and develops Essential Skills/Key Skills. It is designed to improve learners existing skills and build their interests. The components of the Core Programme are:

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- **Individual Investigation** – the opportunity to carry out an individual research project into an area of interest; Key Skills/Essential Skills Wales – as well as from their Options, students develop these transferable skills through the other four components outlined below;
 - **Wales, Europe and the World** – a chance to learn more about Wales and its relationship with Europe and the World. A language module at a level suitable for the student is included in this;
 - **Work-Related Education** – includes working with an employer and taking part in a team enterprise activity to help the student understand how businesses work;
 - **Personal and Social Education** – helps the student explore issues in the modern world: family, health, relationships, citizenship and sustainable development. It includes an activity in the local community.