

Bryntirion Comprehensive School



The Welsh Baccalaureate



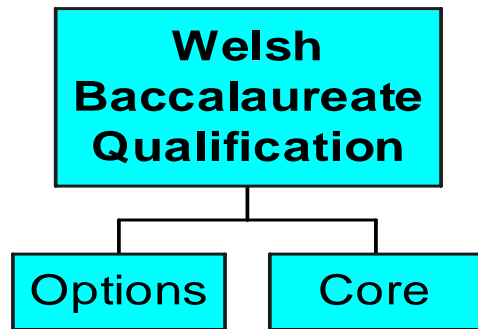
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Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification

Options

Core



The Curriculum Framework

How does the Core programme work?

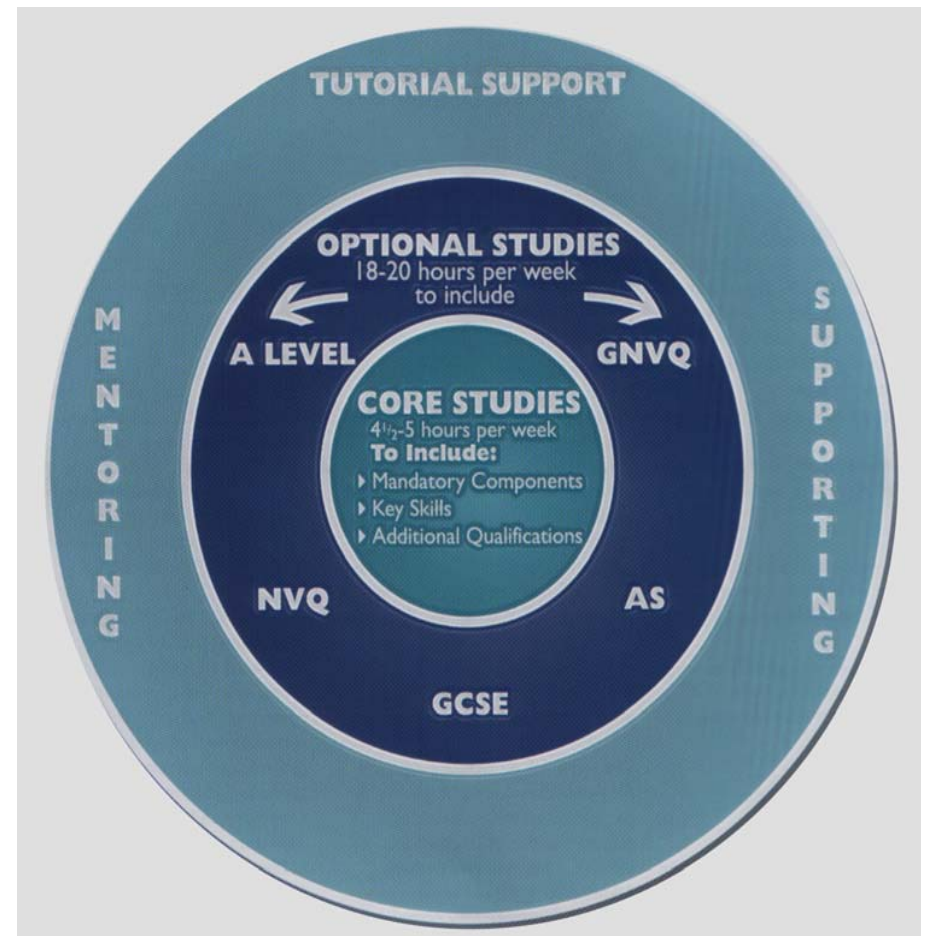
There are four components in the Core:

Key Skills - Communication, Application of Number, IT, Improving own Learning and Performance, Working with Others, Problem Solving.

Wales, Europe and the World - a chance to learn more about Wales and its place in Europe and the world, and the student's place in these different communities. A Language Module at a level suitable for the student is included in this component.

Work-related Education - which will include working with an employer, as well as an enterprise activity at school or college to help the student understand how businesses work.

Personal and Social Education - allowing the student to explore vital personal questions in the modern world; family, health, relationships, citizenship and sustainable development. The student will be required to engage in an activity in the local community.





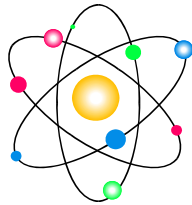
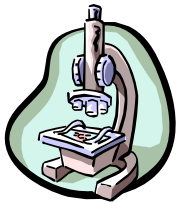
Key Skills

Personal & Social Education

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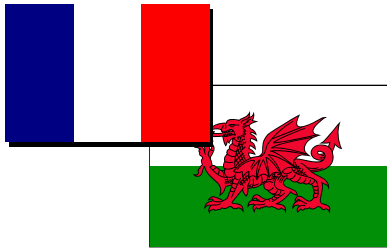
Wales, Europe & the World

Work Related Education



Future Activities.....

- Senedd, National Assembly Cardiff
- Houses of Parliament
- EEC Brussels
- Language module - preparation in school and practical use on the Europe
- Individual Investigations



Links with Bridgend's twin town in Bordeaux



The Welsh Bac at Bryntirion - Why we introduced the qualification



Sporting Activities

At Bryntirion we felt that the breadth of activities which are already part of the Year 12 and 13 curriculum are embedded within the Welsh Bac.



School Eisteddfod and
Gymanfa Ganu

Key Skills has been an integral part of the Year 12 & 13 curriculum for some years. We strongly believe the skills studied will enhance our students development and increase their opportunities.

The breadth of opportunities outside the academic curriculum encourage active and responsible development of many different skills.



Nuffield Bursaries



The Welsh Bac promotes attitudes that will prepare students for lifelong learning

The Welsh Bac at Bryntirion - The Planning Year

The process of planning started two years ago and in summary the stages that have taken place are as follows:

Discussion with *Governors* and staff that the WBQ should be studied at Bryntirion.

Bryntirion was accepted as a *Third Cohort Centre* during June 2004 after submitting an application to the WJEC and National Assembly.

The planning for its introduction started immediately.

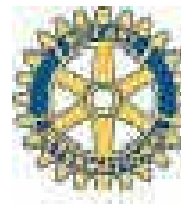
Staff were invited to be part of a working group which continues to meet on a regular basis to monitor progress and evaluate the qualification.

Extensive discussion has taken place within the school on the structure, content and delivery of the WBQ.

Visits to other schools/colleges across Wales to observe existing good practice.

April 2005 - Parents evening to officially launch the WBQ with guests including the Project Leader.

September 2005 - WBQ starts at Bryntirion with an



Rotary Youth Speaks Debating
Competition



BSES



Duke of Edinburgh Award



Young Enterprise and Project
Dynamo

Year 12 & 13 Activities



Support for younger pupils with literacy difficulties



Sony Young Business Challenge



Jaguar Formula 1 Engineering



Joshua Foundation Charity

The Welsh Bac at Bryntirion - The Core Programme

The Core is central to WBQ qualification. At Bryntirion the features that make the programme unique are:

An enrichment programme that all students take part in

All students participated in the Induction visit which was followed by students making presentations to the whole year group.

The WBQ at Bryntirion is an integral part of every students timetable. As well as Key Skills being embedded within subjects, students follow a programme of activities every Thursday.

Each Thursday students study different elements of the core through discussion, debate and presentations. We are grateful to the number of visiting speakers that have taken part in the activities throughout the year.

Tutors meet every Friday to discuss issues and monitor progress.

New electronic registration system introduced to increase mentor time with students.

**WBQ Programme of Activities
Autumn 2005**

Induction visit to Cardiff - Cultural, Political and Heritage Perspective

Presentations from students on their visit to Cardiff using a range of different media

EBP Enterprise Activity

Media Image of Wales

Promoting Wales in the European Trade Market

Changing Wales

The way Wales is governed

WEW - Review of newspaper articles both local and national

Preparing to do a survey

'Question Time' - Guests Mr C.Jones A.M.
Mrs J.Penn (Chair North
Glamorgan Health Trust)
Mr C.Jones (Cardiff
Business School)

WEW - Wales in the context of Europe and the rest of the world

UN ballot and debate

Spring Term 2006

Key Skills (AoN, PS) - 'Redesign the Youth Wing to become a learning centre for WBQ students'

How aware are people in Wales of its culture and heritage

Social issues of concern including race relations

WEW - Anglo-American issues including globalisation and advertising. Are we what we consume?

Issues of social deprivation and inequality