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## Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi

Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi, Anglesey have made great developments in their Skills Challenge Certificate delivery for KS4 and subsequently, achieved their best results so far on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019. Adam Williams, Headteacher said “We are delighted with the results achieved by our Key Stage 4 candidates in the Skills Challenge Certificate. Pupils have worked diligently and have developed a wealth of skills in the process. Learners have been well prepared and have developed skills such as Critical Thinking, Data Analysis, Literacy, Digital Competence, which not only contribute towards this award, but also support performance in other areas of the curriculum. Furthermore, the skill set acquired puts learners in a good position to pursue further education employment or training.”

The Centre has reduced number of teachers for the Skills Challenge, with the same teachers being used each year, and introduced Google for Education, which allows safe, secure delivery of controlled assessments, amongst many other useful features. Every learner has access to a computer every lesson. As well as this, lunch time sessions have been delivered to ensure that any learner missing controlled assessment time, due to absence, has been able to catch up on time missed, whilst adhering to the controls of the assessment. This has also been of benefit to new learners arriving from other schools, or even from centres over the border, where the SCC is not delivered.

Pupil Voice is sought in order to refine teaching and learning methods. Learners have free reign in choice of title for IP, however are encouraged to choose a topic from areas of study in the English/Welsh syllabus. Learners have expressed that IP is their favourite element because they are able to fully engage in what most interests them. This has helped the boys in particular, as they were able to choose topics, they had a passion for.

The three students pictured below, highlighted the benefits of studying the Skills challenge:

Anya Hoban - A\* *“In carrying out the Skills Challenge, I feel my research skills have vastly improved. I’m confident in critical thinking and this will help me in other subjects as I continue my studies.”*

Maisy Gough - A *“I have developed good communication skills in some of the tasks, for example, where we needed to work as a team. It is good to know how to plan work and work to deadlines. The Skills Challenge has helped me to develop this.”*



Mollie Mitchell - A *“I enjoyed the Enterprise Challenge the most. You gain a really good understanding of what is involved in thinking about a business idea and developing it.”*