

Key Stage 4 National/Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate (Welsh Baccaulaureate)

Llanidloes High School in Powys is an 11-18 school with 550 pupils. For several years they have entered full cohorts at KS4 and KS5.

Jordan Davies, Curriculum Area Leader for health and wellbeing, which includes Welsh Baccaulaureate, talks about the delivery of the Skills Challenge Certificate.

'As a build up to our Enterprise & Employability challenge, at KS3, we have a number of preparation booklets that build on the skills needed to do well as an entrepreneur.

Pupils go through these as a mock run through to running a business before undertaking the Challenge for real in KS4. During the 6 week block we also have Big Ideas Wales bring in local business owners to speak to pupils and develop their understanding of what skills set is needed to be a successful entrepreneur. We are also currently working with NACE Cymru and PiXL as to how we can embed the SCC skills further into our PSE programs.

At KS4 we have 3 lessons per fortnight timetabled; we hold termly challenge days which include, some additional elements of Welsh Baccaulaureate and have collapsed timetable weeks for Year 10 and 11 in the summer term.



We have one big trip each year to 'Your Green Future' in the Royal Welsh Showground and have a number of external speakers throughout the year for both KS4 and KS5.

The Community Challenge is entirely left up to pupils' discretion.

For Enterprise and Employability we run the business service/product brief, which again is completely over to the pupils. They actually sell their products during a collapsed timetable week.

For Global Citizenship, they have a choice of 5 briefs, ranging from Cultural Diversity, Fair Trade, Energy to Homelessness.

A key thing for the Individual Project is creativity, specificity and usefulness. We want pupils to produce something they are proud of, which is unique and applicable to what they are hoping to do when they leave school.

