

Skills Challenge Certificate

Why study the Skills Challenge Certificate?

The main aim of the qualification is to enable learners to develop and demonstrate an understanding and proficiency in essential skills and employability; students will gain experiences which will ensure they are better prepared for Higher Education and employment. Students will be expected to acquire seven essential skills which are all-important for learning, work and life, namely Literacy, Numeracy, Digital Numeracy, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Planning and Organising, Creativity and Innovation and Personal Effectiveness.

Entry requirements

All students returning to Year 12 and 13 at Ysgol David Hughes will study the Skills Challenge Certificate.

Course details and assessment format

All seven skills will be assessed as the students undertake four challenges over the course of two years:

1. Individual Project (50%)
2. Enterprise and Employability Challenge (20%)
3. Global Citizenship Challenge (15%)
4. Community Challenge (15%)

There are no exams in the Skills Challenge Certificate, but controlled assessments are completed in the Community Challenge and the Global Citizenship Challenge. All students will be supported by a personal tutor and will be given access to the resources room to enable them to complete their assessment work.

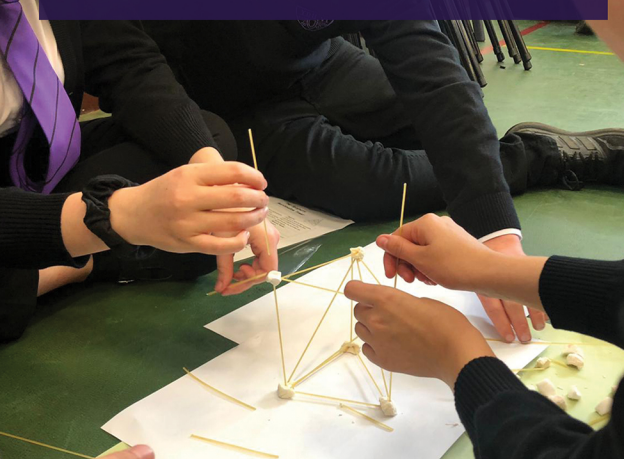
Skills which are developed and possible progression

Students are given plenty of freedom within the qualification to choose elements which are of personal interest to them, enabling them to gain experience and expertise in their chosen field. The Skills Challenge Certificate has been designed to prepare students for any workplace or university course, as great emphasis is placed on developing independent research skills, engaging with the community, co-operation and effective communication skills. Former pupils emphasise how the course improved their self-confidence and prepared them well for university courses.



"This topic has strengthened me as a person in so many different ways. The skills I've improved or acquired are ones I will use daily in the future. For example I have improved my skill of team working and working independently. I have also learned how to plan methodically and time myself to meet deadlines. Most importantly, a Skills Challenge Certificate has enabled me to gain the confidence and perseverance to do my best in every task."

Ania Moore



"Whilst completing the different tasks of the skills challenges, I have learnt so much which has prepared me for my future education, whilst also gaining many skills that I would not have developed if it were not for this subject. These skills have aided me whilst attending university interviews, and I have seen an immense difference in myself as a person due to these desirable skills."

Lauren Hinchcliffe

