



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Dear

ATISN 15142

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 18th May 2021. You asked for information regarding the delivery of the Welsh Baccalaureate alongside AS and A level courses. The information you requested was specific to Coleg Gwent and contained four questions:

Question 1.

How much money in standard funding has been paid by the Welsh Government to Coleg Gwent, in respect of running Welsh baccalaureate AS and A-Level Courses from 1st January 2020 to present **(or the nearest equivalent academic year)**.

Question 2.

How much funding **per pupil** per course was paid to Coleg Gwent for:-

- A Welsh baccalaureate AS Course
- A Welsh baccalaureate A-Level Course

Question 3.

How **many** Welsh baccalaureate AS and A-Level Courses have Coleg Gwent claimed for, in terms of funding for:-

- Welsh baccalaureate AS Courses
- Welsh baccalaureate A-Level Courses

Question 4.

Are Welsh baccalaureate AS and A-Level Courses mandatory or compulsory as part of any Welsh Government Educational curriculum policy?

Our response

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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The information you requested is below. Should you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Question 1.

In 2019/20, the latest full academic year, Coleg Gwent were allocated a total of £42,281,199 for its mainstream provision. This allocation would have included funding to deliver Welsh Baccalaureate AS and A-Level courses throughout between August 2019 and July 2020.

Colleges record delivery of courses throughout the year to account for their mainstream allocation, with flexibility permitted to allow colleges to meet individual and employer demands. Therefore, the allocation does not specify how much should be spent on any particular course.

Question 2.

Funding for these courses vary dependant on the size of the course being undertaken. Therefore, a 3AS level course with the Welsh Baccalaureate accounts for more funding than a 2 AS level course with the Welsh Baccalaureate. A list of values for 2019/20, to align with the information given in answer to your first question, can be found on page 35 of the following link <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/programmes-directory-2019-20-background-notes-and-information.pdf>

Should you also wish to see the most recent values please see page 36 of the following link <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-03/programmes-directory-2021-22.pdf>

Question 3.

2019/20 audited management information data shows that Coleg Gwent delivered the following number of AS and A Level courses with the Welsh Baccalaureate.

Code	Programme Title	Total Learners
0013C03B	2 AS with WBQ - 2 UG gyda CBC	36
0013D03B	2 AS equivalent with WBQ - 2 UG cyfwerth gyda CBC	0
0014C03B	3 AS with WBQ - 3 UG gyda CBC	423
0014D03B	3 AS equivalent with WBQ - 3 UG cyfwerth gyda CBC	12
0015C03B	4+ AS with WBQ - 4+ UG gyda CBC	32
0015D03B	4+ AS equivalent with WBQ - 4+ UG cyfwerth gyda CBC	1
0023C03B	2 A2 with WBQ - 2 A2 gyda CBC	80
0023D03B	2 A2 equivalent with WBQ - 2 A2 cyfwerth gyda CBC	11
0024C03B	3 A2 with WBQ - 3 A2 gyda CBC	207
0024D03B	3 A2 equivalent with WBQ - 3 A2 cyfwerth gyda CBC	15
0025C03B	4+ A2 with WBQ - 4+ A2 gyda CBC	7
0025D03B	4+ A2 equivalent with WBQ - 4+ A2 cyfwerth gyda CBC	1

Question 4.

The Welsh Baccalaureate should be offered to all learners in schools and further education colleges at Key Stage 4 and post-16, **in line with our vision for universal adoption.**

There are no statutory requirements for learners to undertake any qualification post-16. Therefore, undertaking the Skills Challenge Certificate is not compulsory. However, our policy is to encourage all schools and colleges to offer it as part of their learning

programmes. Every learner should therefore have the opportunity to benefit from taking the SCC as part of the Welsh Bacc.

You may also find the following link of interest <https://gov.wales/welsh-baccalaureate>

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely