

Overview of Summer 2018 results for KS4 National/Foundation Welsh Baccalaureate



The KS4 Welsh Baccalaureate is made up of the KS4 Skills Challenge Certificate and other supporting qualifications. This summer the new KS4 Skills Challenge Certificate and the new KS4 Welsh Baccalaureate were awarded for the second time.

Number of awards

There has been an increase in the number of students awarded both the new KS4 Skills Challenge Certificate and the new KS4 Welsh Baccalaureate this year:

	2017	2018
KS4 Skills Challenge Certificate	21,755	26,933
KS4 Welsh Baccalaureate	21,286	26,948

Source: WJEC

KS4 Skills Challenge Certificate

The KS4 Skills Challenge Certificate is equivalent in size and demand to a GCSE. It is graded at A*-C for achievement at National Level (Level 2) and Pass* and Pass at Foundation Level (Level 1).

KS4 Skills Challenge Certificate Results 2017 - 2018

	2017	2018
A*	1.1	2.0
A*-A	7.0	10.7
A*-C	67.6	82.8
A*-Pass	92.8	98.0

Source: WJEC.

KS4 Welsh Bacallaureate

The KS4 Welsh Bacallaureate is awarded at either Foundation or National level.

To achieve the KS4 Welsh Bacallaureate at National level a student must get a grade C or above in the KS4 Skills Challenge Certificate, three GCSEs or equivalent vocational qualifications, either GCSE Mathematics or Mathematics-Numeracy, and GCSE Welsh or English language.

To achieve the KS4 Welsh Bacallaureate at Foundation level a student must achieve the KS4 Skills Challenge Certificate, three GCSEs or equivalent vocational qualifications, either GCSE Mathematics or Mathematics-Numeracy, and GCSE Welsh or English language.

% achieving KS4 Welsh Bacallaureate 2017 - 2018

	2017	2018
National	50.7	57.6
Foundation	40.1	38.4
Total	90.8	96.0

Source: WJEC.

Post-16 Welsh Bacallaureate Skills Challenge Certificate

This is the third year that the new Post-16 Welsh Bacallaureate has been awarded with the following Skills Challenge Certificate outcomes:

National post-16 Welsh Bacallaureate Skills Challenge Certificate

	2016	2017	2018
Candidates awarded the National post-16 Skills Challenge Certificate	1,015	691	#
% achieving the National post-16 Skills Challenge Certificate	80.6	78.8	86.8

Source: WJEC.

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Foundation post-16 Welsh Bacallaureate Skills Challenge Certificate

	2016	2017	2018
Candidates awarded the Foundation post-16 Skills Challenge Certificate	859	620	#
% achieving the Foundation post-16 Skills Challenge Certificate	94.6	85.2	98.7

Source: WJEC.

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Further information

Full Welsh Bacallaureate results are published by [WJEC](http://www.wjec.co.uk).