



Skills Challenge Certificate

The Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate (SCC) is to help you develop more complex skills, attributes and behaviors. It will provide experiences which support your other subjects and which will enable you to be better prepared for your future destination, whether university, further training or employment.

The emphasis in the SCC is on applied learning around the concept of 'plan, do, and review'. You will acquire and apply a range of transferable skills in different settings and context which will include planning activities, carrying out activities, reviewing outcomes and your own development.

The SCC is the same size as an A level and with the same grades: A*, A, B, C, D, E, U.

The SCC comprises of four components.

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

Having a large number of qualifications such as GCSEs, A levels and a degree is not enough for employers. There are many other young people who will have the same qualifications as you and therefore when applying for a job it is extremely competitive. Employers want the academic ability but also a whole set of skills alongside and to know how you have applied them in different situations. Many of the very large employers have assessment centres where they invite suitable applicants to test their application of skills before making the final decisions on an appointment.

The advanced skills within the SCC will help you succeed in your chosen area and help secure your first job. Advanced skills involve complexity (not straightforward) which includes many different but connected parts.



All Welsh Universities will include the Advanced SCC in their offers.

Most other universities and most courses within universities also accept the SCC. Even the most competitive courses such as Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science will accept it as an alternative to an A level grade