

Personal
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Teaching from September 2027

Quick Guide



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Empowering learners, supporting teachers

As Wales' largest awarding body, we have over 75 years of experience in delivering trusted, high-quality qualifications that support learners, educators, and employers across Wales.

We provide a wide range of bilingual qualifications that are accessible, engaging, and designed to meet the needs of today's learners.

Our qualifications are backed by expert subject teams, high quality resources, and responsive, specialist support. Our work is guided and shaped through close collaboration with schools, colleges, regional consortia, sector experts and Qualifications Wales.

As the only awarding body offering qualifications in every suite of the 14-16 National Qualifications offer, we are proud to play a key role in supporting the Welsh Government's ambition to make education in Wales a source of national pride, and we remain committed to helping every learner achieve their potential and progress with confidence.





About the Personal Project

Personal Project qualifications empower learners to pursue meaningful, self-directed study grounded in the Curriculum for Wales.

They encourage engagement with a personal area of interest while developing and applying the Four Integral Skills:

- creativity and innovation
- critical thinking and problem solving
- personal effectiveness
- planning and organising.

Undertaking these qualifications will nurture independence, resilience, and a strong sense of ownership over learning.

Who are these qualifications for?

Personal Project is designed for learners who want to explore a topic that matters to them – linked to personal interest, future aspiration, or to continue their learning within the Six Areas of Learning and Experience.

The Personal Project qualifications are inclusive to all learners working from Entry Level 1, through to Level 2.



What do these qualifications cover?

Personal Project will allow learners to develop and apply the Four Integral Skills while making connections across disciplines and reflecting on their journey.

Integral Skill	Key Elements
Creativity and Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generating ideas• Exploring possibilities• Experimenting and refining ideas• Making connections• Creating purposeful outcomes
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using, synthesising and evaluating information• Referencing information• Identifying issues• Asking meaningful questions• Developing arguments• Proposing solutions
Personal Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing self• Taking responsibility• Working independently and with others• Reflecting on performance

Integral Skill	Key Elements
Planning and Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting clear goals • Planning tasks and timelines • Managing resources • Monitoring progress • Reflecting on planning decisions

Grading

Entry Level	Level 1	Level 2
Entry Level 1 Pass	Level 1 Pass	Level 2 Pass
Entry Level 2 Pass	Level 1 Merit	Level 2 Merit
Entry Level 3 Pass	Level 1 Distinction	Level 2 Distinction

“It’s very exciting to see the next generation of skills-based qualifications coming to fruition in the form of the Skills Suite and Personal Project.

Having worked with the WJEC National/Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate over the last 10 years, I’m looking forward to being in place to guide, advise and support centres through the transition to introduce the new Skills Suite and Personal Project into their curriculum.”

Sara Davies

Head of Skills and Pathways, VTQ and Skills Delivery



Need more support?

Our Regional Representative Sophie Dobbs is available to support your centre to deliver these exciting new qualifications:

“ I work closely with schools and colleges across Wales, helping them understand the new Wave 3 qualifications that are coming as part of National 14-16 Qualifications reform in September 2027.

I'm here to support centres at every stage of the journey — from early conversations and planning, right through to delivery.

Before starting at WJEC I spent 17 years in secondary education. Having that experience, and a clear understanding of the practical challenges senior leaders face around staffing, timetabling, resources and budgets, means I'm well placed to support centres strategically and practically through the Wave 3 transition.”

Get in touch with Sophie:

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The final wave of new National 14-16 Qualifications for Wales is almost here, with first teaching beginning September 2027.

We're building upon everything we've learned from co-creating our Made-for-Wales GCSEs, engaging with over 100 centres and 60+ employers to develop an inclusive, broad and balanced range of new qualifications that will enable different ways of learning and skills development.

Discover a range of inclusive new qualifications with WJEC, Wales' most established exam board:

- **Personal Project**
- **Skills Suite (Skills for Life and Skills for Work)**
- **Foundation (General and Work Related)**
- **VCSE (Vocational Certificate of Secondary Education)**

Learn more: www.wjec.co.uk/wave3



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