**FAQs from Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales (*AdvSBW*) Briefing Events – June 2022**

**When will the Qualification be rolled out?**

The qualification will be available for teaching from September 2023 with the first opportunity for the external moderation of the Global Community Project and Future Destinations Project in May 2024 and the Individual Project in January 2025.

**Can the qualification be classed as an A level?**

The AdvSBW consists of 360 hours – this is equivalent to an A level. Also, the grading A\*- E is equivalent. However, it is not called an A level.

**Will the AdvSBW need to be universally adopted?**

We expect the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales to continue to have the same universal adoption as with the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate. This is a decision for Welsh Government.

**Will schools be measured on standards of achievement for the AdvSBW?**

We expect the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales to be measured in the same way as the present Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate. This though is a matter for Welsh Government.

**Will funding be allocated for learning organisations for the AdvSBW?**

Funding for qualifications is governed by Welsh Government and from this September will be consistent for schools and colleges. We expect the funding to remain the same as for the present Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate.

**Will there be any change to UCAS points with the new qualification?**

Qualifications Wales will be taking the qualification through the UCAS inclusion process. It is fully anticipated that the AdvSBW will have the same UCAS tariff points as the current Skills Challenge Certificate due to the size of the qualification.

**Has the new qualification been piloted? Is there exemplar work?**

No, the qualification will not be piloted. It has been developed in line with the practitioner and learner advisory groups’ support. There will be a full Centre Preparation and Support Programme that includes professional learning opportunities around Teaching and Learning, and Assessment. Exemplar work will be published as soon as it’s available.

**Will there be sample assessments to use in staff training to show what the students need to produce?**

The qualification allows flexibility in how students can produce their evidence. However, there will be Professional Learning events for the assessment of each of the Projects and these will contain assessment materials that can then be used in centres for training purposes.

**Will we still be able to submit work electronically using systems like *Google Docs*?**

Work submitted for external moderation will continue to be submitted via the WJEC e-Assessment system. Further information will be released over the coming year.

**Will there be an element of learner choice within the topics/tasks completed in any of the Projects?**

There is learner choice in all the assessments for the 3 Projects – choice of topic and flexibility in production of evidence.

**Will the Projects still be claimed in different series such as the winter/summer series?**

Yes. There will continue to be external moderation series in January and May. This helps spread the workload for learners and teachers.

**Does the Global topic chosen by students for Global Community have to link through all the tasks?**

Yes. The global issue chosen by the learner continues to be used throughout the 3 Tasks.

**Does collaboration mean a team activity?**

Collaboration can be with another person, people or group. There will be no specified size for a group.

**Will there be any support for schools at an individual level – will someone come into help me plan?**

Yes, the Regional Support Team will continue to support centres. They will hold a planning meeting with each Advanced centre during 2022-2023, which can include not just the Coordinator but Senior Leadership as well.

**Will there be briefs like we have for the current Skills Challenge Certificate?**

Yes, we are aiming to produce briefs with the organisations that we have previously worked with, especially for the Global Community Project. Also, the Project Proposals that are presently available will remain for the Individual Project.

**What should organisations wanting to produce a brief do?**

We will be contacting organisations who have briefs for the current qualification later this year. In the meantime, any queries, please contact one of the Regional Support Team.

**It may not have been decided yet, but will the cost of the qualification be similar to the current one?**

Yes, the overall cost will be similar. However, there will not be a registration payment.

**To promote the current qualification, we had banners and leaflets for parents’ evenings and open evenings – will we get that sort of thing again?**

We will produce a digital toolbox for all centres. This will include all the branding seen in the briefing presentation as well as designs for leaflets, posters and banners that centres can adapt. We will not be producing hard copies of these.