



# WELSH BACCALAUREATE Advanced

**Community Challenge**  
Colegau Cymru  
Improving Neighbourhood Environment



**Available for assessment from September 2015**

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Community Challenge is to develop learners' skills, whilst encouraging learners to identify, develop and participate in opportunities that will benefit a community. During the Community Challenge learners will explicitly develop skills of **Planning and Organisation** and **Personal Effectiveness** and apply them in an appropriate manner.

### BRIEF

In this Challenge you will be given the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the local community. You will focus on real-life concerns and needs whilst engaging in activities which aim to make a real difference. The Challenge should enable you to develop as an effective and responsible member of the community. In completing the Community Challenge you will be able to recognise the contributions you can make towards improving the chosen community and the benefits this will have for you, for others and for the environment. Where appropriate, you will be able to demonstrate independence, responsibility and an ability to work well with others.



Individuals or teams can make a unique contribution contribution to help improve the physical environment of their local neighbourhood in a range of ways including developing and managing:

- local parks
- community centres and buildings
- community gardens, allotments or orchard
- flower displays
- conservation areas
- play areas
- other green spaces where people can go for leisure, relaxation, exercise, to play and to meet people

Improving the physical environment is not simply about changing the landscape of a neighbourhood and its natural environment, it can also affect the health of local people, their sense of community cohesion and local crime rates. This means that environmental projects within the local community have huge social and economic value.

As an individual or as a member of a team (3 – 6 members) you must identify an opportunity to improve the physical environment of an area in your local neighbourhood. You must plan and present a proposal for your scheme to whoever it may be appropriate.



You must implement your proposal with commitment, over a minimum of **30 hours** and **at least 4 weeks**. Consideration must be given to the requirements of the challenge with regards to skills, resources, health and safety and needs of the community.