



# WELSH BACCALAUREATE

## Advanced

### **Community Challenge**

Social/Welfare

Supporting an International community

**Available for assessment from September 2018**



## COMMUNITY CHALLENGE Social/Welfare



### 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 an international community. This may be in South/Central America, Africa, Continental Asia or somewhere else in the world. You will focus on real-life concerns and needs whilst engaging in activities which aim to make a real difference to impoverished villages. You will link with an organisation that will run the expedition usually for a period of two or four weeks but there is much preparation to do beforehand.



During your time on the expedition you will live alongside the indigenous community of the country and be able to immerse yourself in their culture and traditions. You will spend time collaborating with the local people on a variety of projects to help improve their lives and the environment. This unique opportunity provides you with the chance to share the culture of Wales with your hosts and also to share your experience with others when you return home.

This challenge should provide experiences that help you understand what it means to be an active citizen. 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, resourcefulness, and an ability to work well with others.

As an individual or working in a team of 3-6 members to must plan, organise and implement the following programme of activities:

1. Preparation for the trip including
  - a) Fundraising (this should involve planning a number of fundraising methods due to the amount required)
  - b) Culture of Wales activity to share with your host community
2. Actual work in the international community (this should be at least 15 hours)
3. Share experience of trip with education sessions for other pupils/students/parents

The implementation opportunity should be over a minimum period of 4 weeks and include at least 30 hours of active engagement and participation.

Consideration must be given to how you would be best placed to develop and support these opportunities along with key factors such as health and safety, needs of and benefits to the community.