

IB Career-related Certificate

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Timely

- Wolf Report- broad curriculum for all, employability
- Michael Gove strong support
- IBD costs
- Demise of Specialised Diplomas

What is the IBCC?

- A certificate that supports schools offering local or national career-related qualifications
- 'value added' to the career-related qualification
- An IB academic qualification
- It is a framework of study lasting two years

Why has the IB developed the IBCC?

- The IBCC contributes to the achievement of the IB's goal of widening access to an IB education
- It broadens pathways for career-focused students
- Responds to a worldwide trend of developing courses that combine academic skills with practical skills ("vocational", "applied", "technical", "skills related")
- The IBCC is not a career/vocational qualification – it is designed to provide "value added" for schools and other educational institutions that are offering career/vocational courses to their students.

When is the IBCC being introduced?

■ PHASE I

- Existing IB DP World Schools
- Applications from beginning 2011, first teaching September 2012

■ PHASE II

- Non-IB World Schools
- Pilot between 2011-2014

■ Letter due to interested schools

- First teaching September 2012

What does the IBCC actually certify?

The certificate identifies ;

- the DP subjects and the grades achieved
- the Reflective Project and the grade achieved.
- that the other two strands of the core have been completed satisfactorily
- that the career/vocational course has been completed
- that a minimum level of competence has been achieved in another language

What is the IB career-related Certificate?

A framework, not a prescribed curriculum

At least 2 Diploma Programme subjects (groups 1-6)

- Studied at HL and/or SL

A unique IBCC core

- Approaches to learning (emphasises transferrable skills)
- A reflective project (emphasises ethical thinking)
- Community and service programme

An appropriate career/vocational course

- Applied A levels, BtEC

Language acquisition

- Breakthrough level on Common European Languages Framework

IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC)

@ AES since 2010

Local (UK) Vocational learning

Creativity , Action, Service

Approaches to Learning

Reflective Project

Two IB subjects inc. language

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Community and Service

- Based on the principles of 'service learning'
- A good service learning programme will help
 - Knowledge development
 - Social development
 - Civic development
 - Personal development
- Develop working relationships with members of a community

The Reflective Project

- Encapsulates fundamental elements of the certificate
- Embodies aims we hope to develop in students
- The task
 - A structured piece of work that can take a variety of forms
 - student will be able to identify, analyse, explore, critically discuss and evaluate an ethical issue arising from their vocational study

Approaches to Learning

- Designed to introduce students to life-skills, and to operate in a variety of contexts now and in the future
- At the heart of the ATL model is the learner, who uses a range of skills to make sense of the world around us
- Includes the development of transferable skills with an emphasis on the nature of thinking critically and ethically and communicating effectively
- All topics will cover the issues of personal identity, values and personal growth

Some outstanding issues

- Ofqual – Reflective project only is career-related!
- Costs – to be determined. Per capita cost recommended

IBO – IBSCA - AES information briefings

- AES first state school to offer IBCC (September 2010)
- Briefings by trained staff
- Monday 4 April
- Friday 6 May
- Friday 1 July
- £250 for up to 3 staff (£150 IBSCA members)
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