

The Hidden Curriculum – The term hidden curriculum (Jackson, 1968) is a sociological term referring to the unwritten, unprinted, unofficial and often unintended lessons, values, and perceptions that are being taught to students in the formal atmosphere indirect insight. The topic of this poster is the hidden curriculum in **Welsh Baccalaureate**.

Theoretical approaches

- Adults model values that aim to empower individuals (Dr Neil Hawkins, 1977; 2015).
- Cultural Capital/set of values (Bourdieu & Passern J 1977).
- Maximise education allows dominant values to keep everyone in their place (Bourdieu & Passern J 1977).

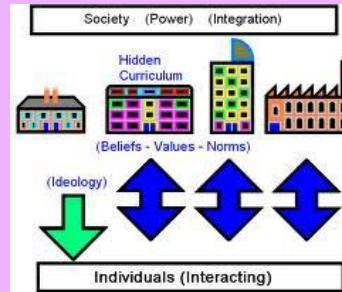
Government Policies

- Estyn good practice (2012)
 - To improve academic qualifications (2012)
 - Funding for students (2012)
 - Helps develop employability skills (WJEC 2015)
 - Communication/numeracy (2015)
 - Digital literacy/ creativity (2015)
 - Planning/organisation (2015)
 - Critical thinking and problem solving (2015)
- (Estyn, 2012 & WJEC, 2015).

Positives

- If gained can give a student 120 UCAS points
- You can gain 1 GCSE extra
- 8, 259 awarded the advanced diploma compared to 6,948 in 2012
- 88% of candidates received Welsh Bacc advanced core certificate
- 73% Welsh Bacc intermediate diploma
- 64% achieved foundation diploma

(WJEC, 2012).



[Jackson, 1968]



[WJEC 2015]



Practice and future structure (2018)

- Differing experience for the individual pupils in terms of enthusiasm and behaviour of peers in a group
- Attitude of teachers to different groups (that misbehave)
- The type of work given
- Expectations of the amount of work and level they need to produce
- Structure of the Welsh Bacc since rolled out to schools has changed 3 times
- Not a vocational GCSE

(Dr. Hawkins, 2018)

Negatives

- Children dislike this course immensely
- To achieve 1 extra GCSE they must gain a C or above in 5 core subjects
- It replaces a modern foreign language
- Parents do not understand what Welsh Bacc is
- Teachers are unsure how to deliver this course
- Marking system is complicated
- Also incorporated into English and R.E

(WJEC, 2015).

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