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Dear Head of Centre

Have Your Say on future GCSEs

There is still time for learners, parents, carers, educators and anyone with an interest in education to [Have Their Say on future Made-for-Wales GCSEs](#).

At Qualifications Wales, we are reimagining qualifications for 14 to 16-year-olds to support the Curriculum for Wales. We have co-created proposals for the new qualifications, and now we want to hear your feedback.

The consultation is open until Wednesday 14 December, and we would greatly appreciate your support to raise awareness of the consultation. We want to reach as many people in Wales as possible so that they can have their say on the future of qualifications in Wales.

You could support us to spread the word by sharing the link with your employees and governors, including it in your parent newsletters or on your social media channels. Please see a [link to a toolkit](#) that includes text and assets that you can use, including [text for parent/carer newsletters](#) and a [clip of Year 7 learners](#) from the consultation launch at Llanishen High School.

Exam series update 2022/23

The November exam series has now concluded, and overall, everything ran smoothly. Thank you for all your hard work preparing learners for the exams and assessments.

The next exams for this academic year will take place in January 2023. WJEC released [advance information](#) for this series intended to support learners in preparation for their exams.

We will monitor how grade boundaries are set by WJEC for all exams within this series to ensure that the standards are appropriate and take account of our policy decision about grading for summer 2023.

November's GCSE results will be published and available to learners on Thursday 12 January 2023. Schools and colleges will get the results the day before, on Wednesday 11 January

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2023. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that results should not be shared with any person or organisation outside the centre until results day.

Contingency planning

In September, we [wrote to you](#) to confirm our approach to grading for this academic year. We also advised that schools and colleges should retain evidence of high-quality assessments completed throughout the year in case contingency arrangements were required.

Whilst it is still highly unlikely that contingency arrangements will be needed this academic year, we have updated the [contingency guidance](#) that we issued in November 2021, so that you are aware of what the arrangements would be, in the unlikely event that the exam series is cancelled. This guidance is similar to the guidance that we issued last year, with some minor updates. You can view the contingency guidance on [our website](#).

Power Up is available to support your learners

As we did in 2021/22, this year we have partnered with Welsh Government, WJEC, Careers Wales and E-sgol to provide additional support and resources for learners ahead of exams and assessments. The support is available via the [Power Up / Lefel Nesa](#) website.

The **Power Up** website houses resources for learners studying for GCSE, AS, A level and vocational qualifications. There is information about exams and assessments this year, as well as revision tips and wellbeing support. You can find the campaign web page here: <https://gov.wales/powerup>

Yours sincerely



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