



17 January 2023

Dear Head of Centre

We hope you have had time over Christmas and the New Year to recharge, take some rest and have a peaceful break.

Exam series update

The January exam series is now in progress. We'd like to thank you for your hard work preparing learners for their exams and assessments.

The next exams for this academic year will take place in the summer. WJEC will release advance information on Monday 6 February that is intended to support your learners to prepare for their exams.

This month, you may receive applications from private candidates who wish to register with your centre for GCSE, AS and A level exams, ahead of entry deadlines. We encourage you to accept the entry of private candidates where possible.

November 2022 exam results

Last week, many learners in Wales received results for exams they sat last November, including GCSE Mathematics, GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy, GCSE English Language and GCSE Welsh Language. We closely monitored WJEC's delivery of this series, and the approach taken to awarding grades. You can find out more on [our website](#).

Power Up is available to support your learners

As this year's exams and assessments draw closer, this can be a busy time for your learners. We'd like to remind you that support is available for all learners in Wales via the **Power Up** website.

Your learners studying for GCSE, AS, A level and vocational qualifications can find information about exams and assessments this year, as well as revision tips and wellbeing support via this web page: <https://gov.wales/powerup>

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Thank you for Having Your Say on future GCSEs

Our Qualified for the Future GCSE consultation closed in December. Thank you for sharing your views and opinions to help us shape the qualifications of the future.

In what has been our biggest ever consultation, we received over 2,000 responses from across every county in Wales. This fantastic response reflects how important qualifications are to us all. So, thank you for contributing and having your say. Your feedback will help us shape the new-look GCSEs in Wales, and we're now analysing your responses before publishing a report of our findings later this year.

New Full Offer consultation

We're preparing to launch our next Qualified for the Future consultation on the 'Full Offer' for 14-16-year-olds. This will include proposals for around 100 qualifications that will sit alongside GCSEs for 14-16-year-olds. We want to hear your thoughts once again on our proposals for the Full Offer, so be sure to Have Your Say when it launches in March 2023.

Our annual report 2021-2022

Our latest annual report, which we published in December last year, details all the work we have undertaken over the last 12 months. You can read the report on [our website](#).

Our strategic priorities plan 2022-2027

In December, we also published our Strategic Priorities Plan for the next five years. We want learners in Wales to take the qualifications they need to help them progress in life, learning and work. Our strategic priorities plan outlines the key themes that will underpin our work and sets out our priorities. You can read the full report on [our website](#).

Have Your Say – promoting and facilitating Welsh-medium qualifications

We're currently consulting on proposals to introduce guidance, conditions and requirements for awarding bodies to follow when promoting Welsh-medium qualifications. These proposals are designed to improve the information that is available for learners, schools and colleges, so that you can make informed decisions when considering Welsh-medium qualifications. [Have Your Say](#) by 3 February 2023.

Yours sincerely



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