

29 March 2023

Dear Head of Centre

As the end of the spring term draws closer, I am writing to provide an update on some of our key areas of work and share some reminders for the summer 2023 exam series.

### **Contingency plans for delivering the summer 2023 exam series**

The summer 2023 exam series will be fast approaching. We know that it's a busy time for all involved. As we shared with you previously, it is important to have [contingency plans](#) in place to enable you to run the exams smoothly, whatever the challenges.

### **Advance information is available to support your learners**

WJEC has released [advance information](#) to support your learners to prepare for this summer's exams. Advance information gives learners some indication on what will be assessed, helping them to focus their revision. Please share our [learner guide to exams and assessment](#), so that your learners are aware what support is in place this year.

### **WJEC key dates**

As this academic year progresses, it's a good time to plan ahead and factor in key dates and deadlines. Here are WJEC's key dates including entry deadlines, results days and more:

- [general qualifications](#)
- [vocational qualifications](#)
- [skills challenge certificate and Welsh baccalaureate](#)

### **Vocational qualification results in summer 2023**

Ofqual has conducted a review into the issuing of late results for some vocational qualifications last summer and published a plan to prevent such delays from reoccurring. New deadlines have been introduced to ensure that awarding bodies issue complete and correct level 3 vocational qualification results this summer. These are:

- **Friday 26 May 2023** – latest date by which awarding bodies and centres agree which learners expect to receive a result by 17 August 2023
- **Friday 23 June 2023** – latest date by which awarding bodies and centres agree the remaining information or evidence needed for each learner to receive a result
- **Monday 14 August 2023** – latest date by which awarding bodies should issue results to centres (except for WJEC and AQA vocational qualifications - which will be issued alongside general qualifications results on 16 August 2023)

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### **Power Up is available to support your learners**

We're pleased to partner with Welsh Government, Careers Wales, e-sgol and WJEC to reintroduce the [Power Up content hub](#) to support learners taking assessments this year. Extra resources are available to support learners to progress in their education journey, including revision guides, online revision sessions, health and wellbeing support, and planning their next steps. Please share the hub with your learners and their parents and carers, so they can continue to prepare for their exams and assessments with confidence.

### **The Full 14-16 Qualifications Offer**

As part of our Qualified for the Future reforms, we're consulting on the [Full 14-16 Qualifications Offer](#), which outlines the qualifications that will sit alongside GCSEs for 14-16 learners in Wales. The consultation includes three proposals - a skills suite and integral skills project qualification, pre-vocational qualifications, and foundation qualifications - to offer a coherent, inclusive and bilingual menu of 14-16 qualifications that give learners skills to succeed in life, learning and work. [Register for our webinar](#) on 29 March to learn more and [please respond to the consultation before it closes on 14 June 2023](#).

This follows our extensive consultation on new [Made-for-Wales GCSEs](#). Further details on GCSE reforms will be announced this summer and you can [read more about it here](#).

### **Hospitality and Catering qualifications**

This month, we've published a report on our [Travel, Tourism, Hospitality and Catering sector review](#) and launched a public consultation on the future of Hospitality and Catering qualifications in Wales. If you have an interest in this exciting and vibrant sector, [please share your thoughts with us before 2 June 2023](#).

I would like to wish you a Happy Easter and the best of luck to you and all your team for what will undoubtedly be a busy summer term.

Yours sincerely



**Philip Blaker**  
Chief Executive