

## CYPE(5)-25-20 - Paper to note 1



By email

To Lynne Neagle MS, Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

12 October 2020

Dear Lynne

Following our attendance at the Children, Young People and Education Committee on 18 August, the Committee requested further information about the impact on specific groups of pupils of the proposed standardised grades and the awarded Centre Assessment Grades (CAGs). In response to this request, we have today published a breakdown of the final results that were awarded in summer 2020 for GCSEs, AS and A level qualifications in Wales.

The report provides an analysis of changes at centre, local authority and regional consortia level in 2020 compared to changes seen in recent years. Results in 2020 are compared to the CAGs and the standardised grades that were originally awarded. The report has been published on our [website](#), along with our position [statement](#).

We have shared this report with our 2021 stakeholder group for reference and provided the information as further evidence for the Independent Review commissioned by the Minister for Education.

We will be publishing a further report at the end of October, providing further analysis of the final results that were awarded in Summer 2020 by protected characteristic in a more detailed equalities impact assessment, building on the initial analysis provided in our results overview, which was [published](#) on 4 September.

The Minister has written to us requesting advice on options for 2021. We will provide, and publish, advice to the Minister shortly. Our advice, the recommendations from the independent review, and views from stakeholders will help the Minister to decide on the general approach to the assessment arrangements for 2021 at the end of this month. Following the Minister's decision, we will work closely with schools and colleges, teachers, awarding bodies and others to make sure the agreed approach is put into practice as quickly and smoothly as possible.

If you have any questions about the statistical release or other activity, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip Blaker', is centered below the closing. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Philip Blaker  
Chief Executive