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Dear Colleague

After many months of thorough analysis and ongoing stakeholder engagement, we have published our **Made-for-Wales GCSE consultation decisions reports** today.

With over 2,100 responses to our GCSE reform consultation, co-creation with stakeholders like you has enabled us to draw on subject area expertise to meet learners' needs. So, thank you for the part you played in this exciting reform work.

We carefully considered all the feedback we received before finalising our decisions, and you can now read the full **consultation outcomes, executive summary, and subject decisions reports** in depth, alongside a **youth friendly report**.

Aligning with the Curriculum for Wales and reflecting its principles of progression and four purposes, these bilingual Made-for-Wales GCSEs will develop learners' cross-cutting integral skills. They will equip young people with skills for life, ongoing learning, and work, helping them become qualified for the future.

The learner voice has been at the heart of shaping new Made-for-Wales GCSEs that:

- prepare learners for the challenges of modern society and reflect diversity and the world we live in
- incorporate digital technologies to future-proof qualifications
- include a range of relevant, engaging, and varied assessment methods
- support positive mental health and wellbeing and promote positive teaching and learning experiences
- help learners make meaningful connections across their learning



What happens next?

We will now work closely with WJEC and Welsh Government to develop the detail of these new Made-for-Wales GCSEs. The first wave of new GCSEs will be approved by September 2024, giving schools a full academic year to prepare for first teaching in September 2025. A small number of new GCSEs will be introduced in a second wave in 2026.

A package of teaching and learning resources will be made available to support the transition, and we will also publish our Change Management Report later this year.

Find out more

If you would like to learn more about the consultation outcomes and subject-level decisions, register now to join our series of free webinars:

- consultation report – 29 June - 15:30-17:00 - [Register](#)
- humanities decisions - 3 July - 16:00-17:00 - [Register](#)
- mathematics and numeracy decisions - 5 July - 15:30-16:30 - [Register](#)
- science and technology decisions - 10 July - 15:30-16:30 - [Register](#)
- health and wellbeing decisions - 11 July - 15:30-16:30 - [Register](#)
- languages, literacy and communication decisions - 12 July - 16:00-17:00 - [Register](#)
- expressive arts decisions - 13 July - 15:30-16:30 - [Register](#)

Further details and publications are also available on the [Qualifications Wales website](#).

Thank you once again for your support, feedback, and contribution. We are now looking forward to the next exciting phase of our *Qualified for the Future* reform work, as we move into a new chapter for education in Wales.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip Blaker', written in a cursive style.

Philip Blaker, *Chief Executive*