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Dear Professor Hopwood,

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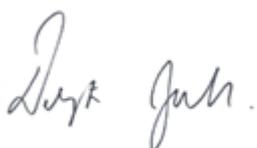
It is with delight that I write as chair of our Senedd's Culture and International Relations Committee to extend my warmest congratulations to you and everyone involved in Aberystwyth's successful bid to become the first UNESCO City of Literature.

This remarkable achievement is more than a cultural accolade: it is a powerful statement about Wales's place in the world. Your vision and leadership have guided this bid with passion and purpose, and the result is a testament to the creativity, dedication, and collaborative spirit of all those who contributed.

During our recent inquiry into the Welsh Government's International Strategy, stakeholders consistently emphasised the importance of strengthening Wales' international cultural and economic links. Your success exemplifies these priorities, reinforcing Wales's identity as a nation of language, literature, and global engagement.

We are all absolutely delighted for you. Llongyfarchiadau, Aberystwyth!

Yn ddiffuant,



Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.