



Linguistic discrimination against Welsh medium schools! Sign the petition to stop Qualifications Wales from allowing this to happen!



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Permission was granted to English Exam Boards such as AQA, OCR and Pearson to offer subjects in Wales from September 2017 by Qualifications Wales. These are subjects that are not available through the WJEC e.g. Psychology GCSE and Economics GCSE.

Unfortunately, and incredibly, no real pressure was put on them to offer exam papers in Welsh! Qualifications Wales' response to complaints about this is to say that the English Boards would refuse to offer subjects completely if they were forced to provide a Welsh option.

“In order to encourage awarding bodies to offer the widest possible range of subjects to learners in Wales, we have not insisted that they are offered in Welsh” - Philip Blaker, Chief Executive, Qualifications Wales

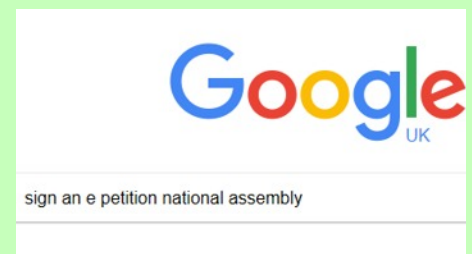
QW Newsletter, December 2016.



‘..the widest possible range of subject to learners in Wales’....unless you're in Welsh medium education! Rather than standing up for the language, and creating competition between English Boards for the right to offer their courses in Wales, they are allowing them to treat Welsh centres exactly like those in England.

The end result of this is that Welsh medium education will have less choice of subjects than English medium schools. I have taught GCSE Psychology in my school since 2009, but in September there is no course available through Welsh. However, the English medium school a few miles away will have three boards from which to choose, and will start a Psychology GCSE course through AQA.

There are four other Welsh centres in the same position, and there would be over 100 Welsh medium candidates if the course were available through Welsh. At least three experienced examiners have offered to work for any English board that would offer a Welsh paper. By signing the petition, which is on the Assembly website, you will help me put pressure on Qualifications Wales, and the Government, to ensure equality of curriculum for Welsh medium learners in Wales.



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