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Dear colleague

'Have Your Say' on GCSEs consultation is OPEN

Yesterday, we launched our widest public consultation to date at an event at Llanishen High School. Our [Have Your Say](#) consultation is now open until 14 December, and we want your help to shape the new qualifications in Wales.

We are reimagining qualifications for 14 to 16-year-olds, to support the Curriculum for Wales. We have been working closely with teachers, subject experts and many others to create proposals for a brand-new set of GCSEs. We are confident that the proposed content and assessment for these new qualifications will help schools to introduce the Curriculum for Wales successfully and prepare learners for life, learning and work.

Early next year we will also be asking for your views about the wider range of qualifications that will be available alongside new GCSEs. These include qualifications in vocational subjects and in skills for life.

Now, we want to hear from learners, parents, teachers, employers and members of the public to get their input on our proposals for the new GCSE qualifications. The feedback we receive will help us shape the new Made-for-Wales qualifications, so get involved and help us spread the word.

What's changing

The changes outlined in these proposals will offer:

- New content to reflect the experiences, skills and knowledge that learners will gain from studying the Curriculum for Wales
- Flexible content and assessments to help schools design their own curricula and meet the needs of their learners

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- A different mix of assessment methods, with less emphasis on exams and more opportunities for learners to be assessed during their course of study
- And more effective use of digital technology in assessment.

Have Your Say

It is easy to get involved; you can attend our [webinars](#) and [Have Your Say via our online platform](#).

When you access the platform, you will need to register and from there you can tell us what you think.

You can read and comment on the full design proposals, the Youth friendly document or the summary proposal for each new qualification. It is up to you how much feedback you share – you can respond to as many or few individual proposals as you like. You can also provide feedback on the proposals overall and their potential impacts.

Help us spread the word

We want to reach as many people as possible so that they can have their say on the future of qualifications in Wales. We would really appreciate your help to spread the word so that we can gather views from learners, parents, teachers, employers and members of the public.

We have [created a toolkit](#) that you can use to help promote the consultation. Inside the toolkit we've included bilingual social media posts that you can copy and paste to use on your own channels. We've also created a suite of bilingual assets that you can download and use. We hope that the toolkit will be useful for you to share information about the consultation.

Thank you for your support

We'd like to say a big thank you in advance for all your support on the Have Your Say on GCSEs consultation. We believe that open dialogue helps us to improve both our activities and the Welsh qualifications system. So, thank you for helping us to spread the word so we can involve as many people as possible.

If you have any questions about the consultation or our partner toolkit, please contact the Communications Team via: comms@qualificationswales.org.

Yours faithfully



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