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Dear Headteacher

Re: 14-16 Learning under Curriculum for Wales

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you following the recent publication of the [14-16 Learning Guidance](#) and to inform you of our intention to hold **14-16 Leadership Conferences** across Wales at the beginning of 2025.

These conferences will take place in conjunction with the WJEC Professional Learning events for the new 'wave 1' GCSEs in the spring term of 2025 on the agreed closure INSET days (see dates below).

The invitation to the conference in your area is extended to you and your whole leadership team (excluding any leaders who may be attending a subject specific PL session with WJEC, of course.)

These conferences are intended to provide support for school leaders in understanding 14-16 learning within the context of the 3-16 Curriculum for Wales, and its significance in supporting all learners in making effective transitions to post-16. We would like to provide space and time for leaders to discuss our 14-16 Learning Guidance, and to consider implications for:

- Self-evaluation and improvement (including the use of data, information and evidence)
- Pedagogy (including curriculum, progression and assessment, learner effectiveness and dealing with barriers to learning)
- Curriculum and timetabling (including a consideration of curriculum time and resources, and the balance of NEA/examination across the suite of qualifications)

The culmination of the Curriculum for Wales reform, as it reaches learners in years 10 and 11, and the associated reform of qualifications, represent another key milestone in our collective journey. We appreciate that these reforms have major implications for school leaders and want to provide you with the opportunity to consider these with Welsh Government, supporting partners and other school leaders in your area.

We will be coordinating with WJEC in respect of the specific arrangements, but the intention is to run a leadership conference in a secondary school within the particular local area

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

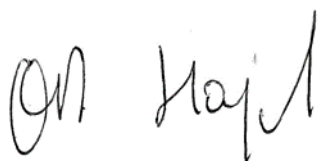
between 8.30am and 1pm (including lunch) on the date of the WJEC professional learning events. As a reminder, we have set out below a copy of the WJEC schedule.

Local Authority Cluster	Day	Date
Swansea (English medium)	Friday	14/02/2025
Bridgend, Vale of Glamorgan (English medium)	Monday	17/02/2025
Wrexham, Flintshire (English medium)	Friday	21/02/2025
CYDAG South Wales (Welsh medium)	Monday	03/03/2025
Monmouthshire, Newport, Torfaen (English medium)	Friday	07/03/2025
Cardiff (English medium)	Monday	10/03/2025
CYDAG North Wales (Welsh medium)	Friday	14/03/2025
CYDAG Mid / West Wales (Welsh medium)*	Friday	21/03/2025
Ceredigion, Powys, Neath Port Talbot (English medium) *	Friday	21/03/2025
Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Merthyr (English medium)	Monday	24/03/2025
Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire (English medium)	Friday	28/03/2025
Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire (English medium)	Friday	04/04/2025
Rhondda Cynon Taf (English medium)	Monday	07/04/2025

We hope you will see the benefits of this event for you and your leadership team, across the range of their roles and responsibilities, and we look forward to welcoming you on the day.

We will provide you with a registration form in due course, but for the time being, please ensure that you and your leadership team have the date saved in your diary.

Yours sincerely



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