

Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar: Next steps for 14-16 qualifications in Wales

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 2nd April 2020

Venue: Central Cardiff



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The future shape of 14-16 qualifications in Wales - key findings from the initial consultation**
Emyr George, Director, Qualifications Policy and Reform, Qualifications Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **How subject choice and achievement at GCSE link with performance in PISA - what does this mean for Wales and qualification design?**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 9.45 - 9.55 **Case study: implementation of the new curriculum and qualifications outside Wales**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 9.55 - 11.00 **What should a new 14-16 Welsh qualifications landscape look like: range of subjects, grading systems, the future of the GCSE 'brand' and reliability**
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, teachers
Senior commentator
Senior representative, learners
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speakers to be confirmed
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 11.05 - 11.35 Coffee
- 11.35 - 11.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 11.40 - 11.50 **Examining qualification design and learning from best practice**
Senior academic
- 11.50 - 12.45 **The design of future qualifications: methods of assessment, depth vs. breadth, and shaping the qualifications offer to effectively support pathways into further education and work**
Ravi Pawar, Headteacher, Bryntirion Comprehensive School, Bridgend
Ben Jordan, Senior Policy and Qualifications Manager, UCAS
Senior representative, awarding body
Senior representative, employment
Questions and comments from the floor with senior academic
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Qualifications in Wales going forward**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
Peter van Gelder, Director, Policy Forum for Wales