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Dear Professor Smith,

Re: Reform of A levels

Thank you for submitting your report on the subject content of revised A levels. I have now considered your recommendations carefully, along with the revised A level subject content, and I accept your recommendations in full. I am satisfied that the process to consider the public consultation response, which you chaired, has been thorough and robust. It complements the original process to develop the revised A level subject content which drew on the input of representatives from higher education.

I thank you for your stewardship of this process. I am also grateful to all those who contributed, both those who took the time to respond to the consultation, including representatives from higher education, schools, colleges and subject associations, and the awarding organisations who worked with you as part of the Review Panel to consider the detailed feedback and finalise the A level subject content.

I have shared your report with the Ofqual Board which has agreed to adopt the subject content. The Department will now publish the final A level subject content for art and design, biology, business, chemistry, computer science, economics, English language, English literature, English language and literature, history, physics, psychology and sociology.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Gove".

Michael Gove