

Agenda

Ofqual Board – 79th Meeting

Date and Time:

Wednesday 26 September 2018 10:30 – 16:10

Venue:

Room 4, Spring Place, Herald Avenue, Coventry, CV5 6UB.

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- 58/18** 10:30 – **Closed Board Session**

 - 59/18** 10:45 - **Welcome and Apologies for absence**

 - 60/18** **Declarations of interest**

 - 61/18** 10:50 - **Minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 2018 (attached)**
(open)
 - **Matters arising** from past meetings of the Board **(attached)** (open)

 - 62/18** 11:00 - **Chairman’s Stakeholder Feedback**

Update by the Chair of Ofqual **(verbal update)**

 - 63/18** 11:10 - **Chief Regulator’s Report**

Paper by the Chief Regulator **(attached)** (open)

The Board is asked to note the matters reported and to:

- a. Delegate authority to the Chief Regulator to approve the consultation on amendments to the conditions for GCSE and GCE music and dance (para 30); and**
- b. Delegate authority to the Chief Regulator, in consultation with the Chair, to approve the consultation on changing the conditions for GCSE computer science to require the qualification to be assessed by examination (para 34).**

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12:20 – 12:50 Lunch

64/18 12:50 - Inter-subject comparability

Paper by the Senior Manager Policy and Strategic Relationships for GQ
(attached)

The Board is asked:

- a. To conclude that we have not found a compelling case to adjust grading standards in physics, chemistry, biology, French, German and Spanish (as per paragraph 9 of the paper).**
- b. To agree that we consult with the exam boards on using a one-sided (i.e. positive-only) reporting tolerance when comparing outcomes against predictions at the A/B and A*/A grade boundaries in these qualifications (as per paragraph 10).**
- c. To agree that we review the impact of this use of reporting tolerances after the summer 2019 awards (as per paragraph 11).**
- d. To agree that the summary presented within this paper is an accurate reflection of the evidence contained with the technical reports, and that the technical reports should be published to serve to explain our decision (as per paragraph 12).**

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66/18 14:35 - Strategic Dashboard and Strategic Risk Register

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14:55 – 15:05 Break

67/18 15:05 –

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68/18 15:25 - Financial Update

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69/18 15:40 - Annual Review of the Governance Framework

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70/18 15:55 - Report on the work of the Board committees

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71/18 16:00 - Publication of Papers

To agree that the open papers for this Board meeting should be published.

72/18 16:05 - **Other Business**

73/18 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday 28 November 2018.

Attendees

Ofqual Board

Ian Bauckham

Delroy Beverley

Sally Collier

Mike Cresswell - Tentative

Lesley Davies

Hywel Jones

Jo Saxton

Roger Taylor – Chair

Apologies

Christine Ryan
Frances Wadsworth
David Wakefield

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Salma Ahmed	Board Secretary
Phil Beach	Executive Director for Vocational and Technical Qualifications
Paul Bird	Associate Director for Finance
Jonathan Clewes	Senior Manager Policy and Strategic Relationships for GQ
Richard Garrett	Director of Policy and Strategic Relationships for GQ
Daniel Gutteridge	Acting Director of Legal
Michael Hanton	Associate Director for Strategic Policy and Risk
Andy Lester	Senior Manager Strategic Policy
Michelle Meadows	Executive Director for Strategy, Risk and Research
Stephen Park	Interim Chief Operating Officer
Jan Roszkowski	Chief Information Officer
Julie Swan	Executive Director for General Qualifications

Observers

Catherine Large	Director of Vocational Qualifications
Chris Shadforth	Director of Communications
Anona White	Private Secretary to the Chief Regulator

