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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 6 May drawing my attention to Petition P-06-1280 entitled 'Cancel AS and A Level exams within Wales for the summer of 2022'.

I am aware that Mr Khan wrote to me in January to raise similar concerns and whilst within the response from my officials it was acknowledged that exam year learners had experienced a very different couple of years, I had hoped the detail provided in terms of the mitigation actions which have been put in place would have provided some reassurance. Together with outlining the summer 2022 arrangements that were available at the time and noting the additional resources that were put in place to help our learners prepare for the upcoming examination season, my officials provided details of our [Whole School Approach](#) including information about CAHMS (counselling service) and mental health and emotional support which is available 24 hrs a day via our Community Advice and Listening Line (CALL) helpline. Alongside this, in recognition of the disruption faced by learners (and acknowledging that that this has been variable across Wales), details were also provided regarding the £24m allocated to schools, local authorities and their partners provide support for learners which can be used at the school's discretion to meet their particular circumstances. We have encouraged all schools to talk to their exam learners about what support and flexibility they might need this year to enable them to progress with confidence to their next steps.

I would like to reassure Mr Khan that we have continued to work closely with Qualifications Wales to review the measures we have put in place and consider what further can be done to support our 2022 cohort.

In addition, WJEC has a comprehensive package of information for learners on their website: [2022: Everything you need to know \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk) which includes a link to the [Power Up/Lefel Nesa](#) site.

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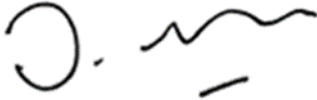
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The Power Up/Lefel Nesa campaign has been developed by WJEC, Qualifications Wales, Welsh Government, E-sgol and Careers Wales. Its aim is to provide learners with a 'one stop shop' resource to get them through the exam season. Content includes assessment and revision information and resources, revision and wellbeing tips and free live revision sessions.

I hope that this information will reassure Mr Khan that that we will continue to encourage schools and colleges to engage with their learners throughout the next few months to help prepare them for their 2022 exams and/or progression to further study, training or employment.

Yours sincerely

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