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Dear Sam,

Thank you for your Written Question tabled on 18 August 2021 regarding the Welsh Government's assessment of the 2021 GCSE and vocational results in North Wales.

This year's GCSE and level 1/2 vocational results reflect the hard work and effort of our learners during unique and challenging circumstances. The overall outcomes in Wales are similar to those across the UK, representing a level playing field for our learners.

For GCSEs, results in Wales have increased at the top grades for all groups of learners. The picture for north Wales is broadly consistent with national changes and some regional analysis is included in Qualification Wales's [summer results summary](#).

For vocational qualifications at level 1/2, there was an increase in top grades awarded through centre determined grades. As vocational qualifications do not share common grade scales, it is not possible to produce overall aggregate outcomes for vocational qualifications in the same way as is the case for general qualifications, and regional analysis of vocational results is not available.

These results will provide learners with a solid base to progress onwards in education, training or work.

Yours sincerely,

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