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Member of the Senedd for South Wales Central

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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your Written Question in relation to incentivising Welsh learners to attend Welsh Universities.

We are proud that our generous funding package of grants and loans allows students to study at an institution that suits their needs and return to Wales with a range of experiences and skills. However, bursaries are available for Welsh-domiciled students studying a taught postgraduate masters in STEMM subjects and/or through the medium of Welsh. These are delivered by HEFCW who receive Welsh Government funding for this purpose.

Our priorities are to increase participation and widen access which is why we support part-time study on a pro rata basis of the full-time equivalent. Furthermore, HEFCW oversees and funds the 'Reaching Wider' programme of partnerships between universities, schools, colleges, local authorities that aims to increase higher education participation from priority groups and communities in Wales.

Finally, the fully funded Seren Academy provides a super curricular route to success for our top state funded learners. The academy works in partnership with our Welsh universities providing opportunities for their local learners and learners across Wales to attend Welsh universities for visits, lectures, workshops, and residential summer schools.

Yours sincerely,

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