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A copy of all communication between the SQA and the WJEC regarding the review into Higher History marking

- The time frame for this request is 1 Nov 2024 - present.
- This request includes files attached to emails, which should be included in the release
- This request also includes records of any non-written communication such as phone calls, video calls, face to face meetings etc
- This request includes communication discussing or referencing media coverage and/or public response to the review

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From: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 01 November 2024 09:56

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Review statement - Update on report

[REDACTED]

Just to let you know that the report will not be published this week. I will be in touch as soon as I have a further update.

Regards

Martyn

Martyn Ware

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From: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 06 November 2024 09:02

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Higher History Review - Request for approval of adjustment to report

[REDACTED]

Thanks for this confirmation.

Just to let you know that we plan to publish the report at 1400 today. John, our Comms Director, is in contact with your comms team.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 09:54

To: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: Re: Higher History Review - Request for approval of adjustment to report

Hi Martyn - no concerns on the change, and thank you for sight of the summary.

From: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 10:56:46 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: Higher History Review - Request for approval of adjustment to report

[REDACTED]

I'm writing to ask for your approval of an adjustment to the Higher History Report in response to feedback from our Board of Management. The adjustment is presentational and does not affect the substance or conclusions of the report.

In summary our Board has expressed reservations about the use of the term 'Recommendations' in the report. To reflect this feedback we now propose to use the term 'Wider reflections' for this section and to add the following introductory text before the list of points:

'While beyond the immediate scope of the review, some wider reflections have emerged during the review process. There are areas for continuous improvement which could strengthen the way the education community works together during the assessment and awarding process and which could also support learning and teaching.'

The text of the recommendations/wider actions remains unchanged.

Could you please let me know if you are comfortable with this adjustment? If so, for consistency we will amend your endorsement statement so that it refers to 'wider reflections' rather than 'Recommendations'.

Also in response to feedback from our Board we have produced a short, summary version of the report that will be published with it. The text of the summary is taken from the main report. I have attached a late draft of this summary version for your information.

As I am sure you will appreciate I would appreciate a response as soon as possible - and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks and regards

Martyn

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From: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>
Sent: 12 November 2024 08:59
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Higher History - Post-publication call

Yes, fine with me, thanks [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 08:47
To: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Higher History - Post-publication call

Sorry both – could we make it 1130 instead?

From: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>
Sent: 12 November 2024 08:46
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [ALLANOL - EXTERNAL] Re: Higher History - Post-publication call

Thanks [REDACTED] Let's go for 1145 on Weds.
[REDACTED] - grateful if you could schedule a call for 30 mins although we may not need all of that time.

Regards
Martyn

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 19:27
To: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Higher History - Post-publication call

Hi Martyn,

I can do 5pm tomorrow or 11.45am on Wednesday.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>
Sent: 11 November 2024 15:52
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [ALLANOL - EXTERNAL] Higher History - Post-publication call

[REDACTED]

Would you have time for a brief post-publication call tomorrow or on Wednesday? I could make before 0930 or after 1630 tomorrow or between 1000 - 1200 on Wednesday.

Thanks and regards
Martyn

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 08:48

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Catch-up

When: 13 November 2024 11:30-12:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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