



7 January 2019

Dear Responsible Officer,

**Re: Development of new GCSE and GCE AS/A Level Digital Technology**

In December 2018, we published our review of qualifications in the Information and Communication Technology sector, *Delivering Digital*. As part of the action plan set out in the report, we are now proceeding with developing approval criteria for a GCSE in Digital Technology (with a view of first teaching in 2021) and a GCE AS/A level in Digital Technology (with a view of first teaching in 2022).

At this stage, we are seeking expressions of interest from awarding bodies that would consider developing a GCSE and GCE AS/A level in Digital Technology to meet these criteria.

We will work with interested awarding bodies throughout the development of the approval criteria documents on the minimum requirements for each qualification.

Awarding body involvement at this early stage of the work is not a pre-requisite for seeking approval of a proposed qualification. Once we have published the final approval criteria, any suitably recognised awarding body will be able to submit draft qualifications for approval. In our experience, however, close working with awarding bodies from the outset leads to clearer requirements and a smoother approvals process.

Please note that as these will be Approved qualifications, awarding bodies will need to ensure that they are available in both English and Welsh.

If you would like to express an interest, please reply to this letter, or email us at [development@qualificationswales.org](mailto:development@qualificationswales.org), by Monday 28 January 2019.

To help explain the approach we are taking, we will publish this letter on our website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Crabtree'.

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