



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ88268

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Dear Andrew,

I write in response to WQ88268: Will the Minister confirm the number of occasions they have met with business leaders and representatives concerning enhancing cooperation between private businesses and schools?

My officials and I regularly meet with business leaders and representatives to discuss a range of issues.

We are enhancing cooperation between private businesses and schools through several initiatives including the Young Person's Guarantee and Big Ideas Wales. Careers Wales is leading Big Ideas Wales activity to facilitate workshops delivered by entrepreneurial role models with pupils' engagement in schools, to enrich the careers and work-related experiences of the new curriculum. Careers Wales also provides support for all schools across Wales to build relationships with employers.

Careers and Work-Related Education (CWRE) is a cross-cutting theme of the Curriculum for Wales for learners aged 3 to 16. When designing their curriculum, schools must consider the CWRE guidance across the breadth of learning and within each of the six curriculum Areas.

There are some excellent examples of good practice across Wales, specifically in relation to collaboration between employers and education.

Yours sincerely,

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