**GCSE Business Meeting**

**Wednesday 24th January**

**Ysgol Bryn Elian – 1pm**

Present – Aled Jones, Amanda Jones, Sian Longley, Dani Hicks, Paul Woodhouse,

Alex Guntrip, Christine Jones, Rachel Allen, Ricky Davies, Amanda Farrar,

Hannah Hughes, Gwyneth Rees, Michelle Hanlon, Rhodri Chidley-Williams,

Jacqueline Parry, Emma Sargent

Apologies – Andrea Francis, Jody Heggs

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| **Item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| 1. Welcome & Introductions | Aled welcomed all Heads of Department and thanked Paul Woodhouse and Ysgol Bryn Elian for hosting the meeting and the refreshments provided. |  |
| 1. Role of the Lead Practitioner | Aled outlined the role of the lead practitioner and how this can support colleagues in schools.  At present Facebook is being used as an informal sharing platform and for discussion. The group is a closed group and is called WJEC GCSE Business (2017) – N.Wales. When requests to join are made colleagues must answer the questions posed for membership to be authorised. Please contact Amanda or Aled if any difficulties. A more formal method of sharing through GwE website was also discussed. |  |
| 1. Issues arising and identification of resource needs | Discussion relating to progress in the delivery of the new specification was discussed. Concerns were raised with the level of challenge the new specification poses to some learners and the accessibility of the question papers.  The resources currently available from WJEC were shared/ recapped. Additionally colleagues highlighted that videos to support some areas of the specification are available at the Welsh Food & Drink Project <http://foodanddrinkskills.co.uk/career-opportunities/audio-visual-case-studies/> . Welsh Language resources are also available at Cynnal.  The importance of the assessment objectives was discussed. Amanda will share assessment objectives which can be used as classroom wall displays.  A new addition to the specification is section 3.3 & 3.4 Supply Chain and Sales Process. This will be become an area for immediate focus. | Amanda Jones  Amanda Jones & Aled Jones |
| 1. Unit 2 Business Perceptions | Amanda shared details of the Unit 2 Business Perceptions paper. The addition of this paper has posed some concerns to colleagues. Exemplar responses from current Year 11 students were shared and discussed. Issues were identified. An electronic copy will be provided, and colleagues can share or adapt these papers for use within departments/ classrooms. | Amanda Jones |
| 1. Sharing Good Practice | Amanda shared a range of learning and teaching strategies that can be used with a variety of learners (attached in packs). Agreed that all colleagues will complete What a Good One Looks Like (WAGOLL) for the allocated topic (see attached) by Friday 23rd March. These are to be sent to Amanda (amanda.jones@hawardenhigh.flintshire.sch.uk) | All colleagues |
| 1. Next Steps | Monday 19th March – WJEC half day training event in Llandudno.  The next meeting will be arranged for summer term. Following the training event.  Please contact Amanda (Hawarden High School) or Aled (Ysgol Morgan Llwyd) if you have any concerns in the meantime. |  |