



EXAMINERS' REPORTS

**ENTRY PATHWAYS
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General comments

Overall, a number of centres succeeded in producing work of high standard in the various units, but more samples or clarification had to be requested from a higher percentage of centres this year. In several cases, we had to review the units for evidence in fairness to the candidates and to have a positive outcome.

A new specification will be taught from September 2019 and the more detailed guidelines will hopefully ensure that the problems that have arisen in a higher percentage of centres this time will be avoided.

Comments on individual units

Only in two of the Pathways units did all the candidates from all centres manage to pass the units, 6367 M2 and 6369 M3.

Unit 6365 – Communicating in Welsh in familiar situations

Candidates in a number of centres were seen chatting naturally and expressing opinions effectively on familiar topics. Candidates were seen sometimes struggling with pronunciation or they weren't able to express their opinions at all. Teachers helped and guided the candidates well in a number of cases to ensure they met the assessment criteria.

Unit 6366 – Listening to and understanding others speaking Welsh in familiar situations

Candidates had responded fully to the tasks and examples of very good tasks were seen in several centres. Similar to the advice given last year with this unit, centres are again reminded of the importance of attaching the scripts to their sample in order to enable the moderation process.

Unit 6367 – Reading and understanding texts in Welsh in familiar situations

Similar to unit 6366, examples of good tasks were also seen here which enabled candidates to express their opinions in a simple manner in several centres. A few centres provided English translations of the questions in the tasks. We don't recommend this.

Unit 6368 – Preparing for the world of work in familiar situations in Welsh

Overall, there were examples of tasks which showed candidates presenting information and expressing opinions in a number of situations which prepared for the world of work. In some cases, complete tasks were not received.

Unit 6369 – Writing in Welsh in familiar situations

A number of centres had submitted very good work in this unit which demonstrated candidates' ability to express opinions on familiar topics in a simple manner but confidently and accurately.

Summary of main points

Although the standard across the units was generally good, more problems had arisen in this series. Centres must understand that each unit is assessed separately; a small number of centres had sometimes used one exercise across two or three units and this meant only a small amount of evidence of candidates' work was sent eventually for moderation. This will not be accepted in 2020. There was suspicion that candidates in a number of centres were reading the oral answers instead of speaking freely, as candidates were then seen struggling to pronounce the words correctly. It is clear that further CPD will be required in due course for the new specification because of some of the difficulties this year, and particularly as a number of school representatives did not arrive in January 2019 due to the snow. Thank you to everyone for your hard work in teaching, training and guiding the candidates in this qualification.



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