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#### **OFQUAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

I am writing to inform you of changes to membership of the Ofqual Board.

The Department for Education ran a fair and open public appointments process for new Ofqual Board members between February 2019 and July 2019. We received just over 100 applications of whom 9 were interviewed by an Advisory Assessment Panel. The Panel comprised Roger Taylor, Chair of the Ofqual Board who chaired the Panel; Irene Lucas CBE, Department for Education non-executive Board member who was the external Panel member; and Michelle Dyson, Director of Qualifications, Curriculum and Extra-Curricular at the Department for Education who represented ministers on the Panel. All candidates were subject to rigorous due diligence checks.

Following this process, I have agreed to appoint to the Board:

- **Mike Thompson** - former Director of Early Careers at Barclays. He will bring to the Board experience of and passion for apprenticeships. He has also held the role of Route panel chair for Apprenticeships and T Levels in legal, accounting and financial services with the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.
- **Matt Tee** – regulatory expert, currently Chief Executive of the Independent Press Standards Organisation, having held a number of senior level roles in government and NHS/healthcare related industries.
- **Susan Barratt** – a finance expert with more than 30 years' experience working in an audit and advisory capacity, primarily at Deloitte. Susan will bring to the board significant finance expertise. Susan holds a number of other trustee roles, including for Nuffield Oxford Hospitals Trust.

They will take up their positions in September 2019. Ms Barratt replaces the current finance specialist, David Wakefield, who is due to step down shortly. Mr

Thompson and Mr Tee are filling skills gaps on the board. The board's assessment specialist, Mike Cresswell, will also leave the board in a few months and, in August, we will be launching a new recruitment campaign for his replacement.

In addition to this, I am pleased to inform you that I have decided to reappoint the Ofqual Chair, Roger Taylor, for a second term of three years. Roger has been an excellent Chair since his appointment in 2017, and I look forward to continuing to work with him as Ofqual oversee an exciting period of reform to vocational and technical qualifications, as well as continuing to ensure the safe delivery of reformed GCSEs and A levels.

A public announcement of the new members and the reappointment of Mr Taylor is due to be made later today.



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