

APPENDIX 3

BRIEF FOR THE EDUCATION QUALITY INVESTIGATION MEETING WITH DR BRETT PUGH, WELSH GOVERNMENT SCHOOL STANDARDS UNIT, 8 FEBRUARY 2013

We have requested Brett Pugh to deal with the following, as part of his presentation:-

- Brief presentation outlining his role and the functions of the School Standards Unit.
- Give an overview of performance across Wales (including performance of education authorities and the 4 Education Consortia in Wales).
- In the all Wales context, provide a brief summary of the issues that have been highlighted at a north Wales level. What positive and negative factors have been highlighted in terms of the quality of education in north Wales?
- Brief analysis of the factors that have been highlighted in Gwynedd (referring to the impact and influence of the Welsh Government banding system).
- His view on closing the gap in performance between different children and groups.
- Examples of good practice in schools in Wales that have led to an improvement in performance and attainment and may be of benefit to Gwynedd pupils.
- His opinion on how RSEIS can contribute to raising standards in Gwynedd.

Suggestions of possible questions to ask Dr Brett Pugh

1. His opinion on the role of the local authority in Gwynedd – i.e. how well does the education authority currently perform and what is the likelihood for things to improve?
2. His opinion on what can be done to improve the quality of secondary education in Gwynedd, especially when dealing with the problem of polarization.
3. His view on the authority's resolution to appoint a Strategic Head at Ysgol y Moelwyn/Ysgol y Berwyn.
4. His opinion on the role of governors – what needs to be done to arm governors to enable them to contribute effectively and have ownership of a programme to improve the quality of education in each school.
5. His opinion on the training programme for authority staff.