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Dear Lynne,

The Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language wrote to you on 19 August to provide you with an update on the Welsh Government's vision for Youth Services. This was in response to a commitment I made at the Children, Young People and Education Committee meeting on 13 July.

During the meeting we also discussed the ongoing evaluation of Schools Challenge Cymru and you will recall that I committed to sharing the evaluation's findings with committee members. I am therefore pleased to be able to provide you with the first evaluation report on the programme that was published this summer:

<http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/evaluation-schools-challenge-cymru/?lang=en>  
<http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/evaluation-schools-challenge-cymru/?skip=1&lang=cy>

In terms of context, the evaluation is being undertaken by SQW, and this first report is titled 'Evaluation of Schools Challenge Cymru: Implementation in Pathways to Success schools (2014/15)'. It focuses on the early implementation of the programme in Pathways to Success schools and is based on information collected by fieldwork in the summer term of 2015. The evaluation continues with schools having been revisited during the summer term 2016. A further report will be published from the evaluation in due course, considering the longer-term implementation findings as well as outputs and outcomes associated with the programme. I will, of course, be happy to refer this further report to committee members when it is published.

Yours sincerely

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