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To: Principals of Post Primary and Special Schools

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Revision of GCSE Science

The qualification regulators in Northern Ireland (CCEA), England (Ofqual) and Wales (DCELLS) are currently reviewing the Science criteria in order to enable awarding bodies to develop revised specifications for first teaching from September 2011.

Separate criteria for the following science specifications are being developed:

- Core Science;
- Additional Science;
- Additional Applied Science;
- Biology;
- Chemistry; and
- Physics

The draft science criteria were posted on the CCEA website at the end of June, together with accompanying questionnaires. You were notified by circular that the consultation on the science criteria was live and would run until 25th September. Now that the new school year has started we would urge you to take the time to complete the online questionnaires before the deadline. As also indicated in the last circular, we intend to hold focus group seminars on the criteria at the end of September. A separate invitation to these seminars will be issued to all centres at the start of September. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

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