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Dear Paul

Re: City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Using and Applying Mathematics

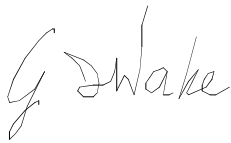
Many thanks for the opportunity to work with and advise you and your qualifications development team at City and Guilds on the development of your qualification within the Core Maths framework.

As you are aware I was a member of the Expert Panel that ACME convened to advise on Core Maths last summer and feel that your response has really captured the ethos of our recommendations for the qualification. I am aware that the government's response to the recommendations of our panel has curtailed somewhat the potential for the use of centre-based assessment and feel that your qualification provides a sufficiently innovative framework of specification and assessment to overcome this.

I am aware from my work over many years in the area of the application of mathematics by post-16 students that your proposed core maths qualification will provide an excellent support for students for their current and future studies and potentially for future work or citizenship more widely. I am also aware from my research into the use of mathematics in workplace settings that an understanding of mathematical modelling and the development of associated competencies are essential. Therefore, it is heartening to see the prominence given to these important mathematical practices in your proposals.

Overall, I am convinced that your qualification will provide an excellent addition to the availability of mathematics courses for post-16 students who have already gained a high grade at GCSE. I am sure that your work with students and their teachers in the early-adopter institutions will ensure the future success of your proposals.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G D Wake". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'G' and 'W'.

G D Wake
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