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Dear Professor Griffiths,

Re: Institutional Response: External Examiner Annual Report 2018/19

I am writing further to the receipt of your External Examiner's report for the MSc Building Diagnostics for Energy and Environmental Performance.

Your report does not appear to raise any specific issues that require a more detailed response, however the School have been asked to note the following comment:

"I had no warning of the schedule of the final examination board, hence when I received samples of dissertations they came out of the blue."

Your report will be considered by the School and will also be used to help inform their [Annual Review and Enhancement](#) process and where appropriate, [Periodic Review](#).

The University is pleased to note your positive comments, including:

1. Your positive comments regarding the programme structure, academic standards and assessment process.
2. The launch of the programme is timely as we seek to substantially improve new and existing buildings to provide sustainable comfortable places in which to work and live.
3. To achieve the uniformity in marking across the modules during the first year of delivery points to a well-planned curriculum.
4. There was a good mix of assessment and much of it was practical based, utilising current research projects and links with local business, schools etc. giving students considerable opportunities to practice skills in a safe environment.



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I hope that you will find this response satisfactory and we thank you for your continued support of the programme.

In order to meet the expectations of the [QAA Quality Code](#), both the External Examiner Annual Report and this Institutional Response will be published on the University's [Public Information website](#) and will be available to all students and staff.

We are most grateful for your comments and for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Wright', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Simon Wright
Academic Registrar