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To: SQA Co-ordinator
Higher Education Institutions
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For the attention of all staff responsible for the delivery of National Qualifications in Classical Languages (Latin, Classical Greek)

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✓	Note and pass on
	None — update/information only

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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications update

The content of this letter should be passed on to members of staff responsible for Classical Languages.

Classical Languages (Latin and Classical Greek) update

We would like to bring the following matters to your attention.

1. External Assessment reports and Internal Assessment reports

The 2011 Internal and External Assessment reports will be published shortly on the SQA website. The reports are based on information and data from each candidate's performance, examiner feedback and the observations of question paper markers. Principal Assessors offer advice on performance which centres will find useful for departmental planning and discussion.

2. Availability of past question papers on SQA's website

All 2011 Past Papers and accompanying Marking Instructions are now available to download from the SQA website: www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers

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3. Submitted work: key dates

Centres are reminded that the dates for uplift of coursework material vary slightly from year to year.

The following advance information may be helpful:

- ◆ 26 March 2012 (Standard Grade — Investigation)
- ◆ 24 April 2012 (Advanced Higher — Dissertation)

With regard to submitted work, candidates should be encouraged to make and retain a copy of work prior to submission. Exceptionally, the return of submitted work may be requested. Requests should be made by the end of September of the year concerned. There is a charge for the return of work.

Key dates regarding both candidate entries and assessment arrangement requests for 2011/2012 (August 2011 – January 2012) are now available from the Operational Help Centre on the SQA website. The Operational Help Centre is available at the following link:

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/15094.html>

4. Advanced Higher Dissertation Guide for Classical Languages

The *Advanced Higher Dissertation Guide for Classical Languages* is now available to download from the SQA website, and the *Appendix to Dissertation Guide* can be found on the SQA secure website. Please contact your SQA Coordinator for access and ensure that this is read thoroughly.

Advanced Higher Dissertation – Revised Marking Instructions

The Marking Instructions for the AH Classical Languages dissertation are available on the Latin and Classical Greek pages of SQA's website. The document can be found under the 'Announcements for Advanced Higher' banner:

[Link to Advanced Higher Announcements](#)

5. NABs – Latin and Classical Greek

Centres should ensure that they are using the **current** versions of NABS in both the Interpretation and Translation, ie the versions on the SQA secure website.

6. Prescribed Texts

The prescriptions indicated for 2011 for the Intermediate 1, 2, Higher and Advanced Higher levels of Latin and Classical Greek will continue for 2012-2015. The Standard Grade Latin will continue until 2013.

Copies of the prescribed texts for Latin and Classical Greek, and of the publicity leaflet *Classics in Scotland*, are available from SQA's Customer Contact Centre:

E-mail: customer@sqa.org.uk

Telephone: 0845 279 1000

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7. A Reminder: 'Low Uptake' Policy - Standard Grade Classical Greek

SQA has been engaged in the implementation of the 'low uptake' policy, during which it was decided that the exam diet of **2011** was the last presentation for Standard Grade Classical Greek.

NQ Classical Greek Courses at Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 will continue to be available until 2015.

8. Scottish Languages Baccalaureate

Centres are reminded that candidates may use Classical Greek and/or Latin as part of their Baccalaureate. Centres can access up-to-date information from:

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/35857.html>

Please contact Lorna Grant, the Baccalaureate Development Manager at lorna.grant@sqa.org.uk for further information.

9. Curriculum for Excellence – Your feedback

Practitioners are reminded that draft documents are published at every stage of the new qualifications development process. Please visit the Curriculum for Excellence website and 'Have Your Say' on developments around Classical Languages:

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/34714.html>

All comments are collated and presented to the CARGs and QDTs.

10. Curriculum for Excellence – Appointee Vacancies

SQA is recruiting teaching professionals to help shape the new National Qualifications. These new teams will develop and quality assure the new assessments for the first examination diet of the new National Qualifications in 2014. Opportunities are open to existing appointees as well as teaching professionals hoping to work with SQA for the first time. Full details and application forms are available at the following link:

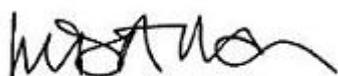
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/46838.3089.html>

11. Curriculum for Excellence – Key Dates

Centres are reminded of the following key dates regarding the implementation of new qualifications:

- The last diet of Standard Grade will be in 2013
- In 2014 and 2015, Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 will dual run with the new National 4 and 5 qualifications
- In 2015, the current Higher will dual run with the new Higher

Yours faithfully



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