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

| Action by Recipient | |
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| | Response required |
| ✓ | 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 the member of staff responsible for Classical Languages (Latin and Classical Greek).

Classical Languages (Latin and Classical Greek) Update

We wish to bring the following matters to your attention.

Advanced Higher Dissertation Guide for Classical Languages

A dissertation guide has now been developed to support teachers presenting candidates for the Advanced Higher courses in Classical Languages. A copy of the *Advanced Higher Dissertation Guide for Classical Languages* and accompanying *Appendix to Dissertation Guide* has been sent to all centres currently delivering the Advanced Higher course in Latin and/or Classical Greek.

The guide 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.

Advanced Higher Dissertation – Revised Marking Instructions

The Marking Instructions for the AH Classical Languages dissertation have now been revised and 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.

SG Latin and Classical Greek Investigation

Centres are reminded that the total word count for each investigation does **not** include quotations or footnotes. Centres are also reminded to refer to the Marking Instructions which contain advice and useful information, which can be of benefit to candidates.

Scottish Languages Baccalaureate

The SQA Baccalaureate award in Languages is now available for delivery. A link is available from the NQ section of SQA's website, where centres can access up-to-date information. Please contact Lorna Grant, the Baccalaureate Development Manager at lorna.grant@sqa.org.uk for further information.

Succession Planning: appointees

SQA is keen to support interest in marking from new appointees, particularly with the advent of the new qualifications to support Curriculum for Excellence over the next few years. Please contact am@sqa.org.uk if you would like to be involved at this crucial time for Scottish education.

Submitted work

Centres are reminded that the dates for uplift of coursework material vary slightly from year to year. The following advance information may be helpful:

- ◆ 24 March 2011 (Standard Grade — Investigation)
- ◆ 27 April 2011 (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.

External Assessment Reports and Internal Assessment Reports, diet 2010

The above reports are available on each NQ Language section of SQA's 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.

Availability of past question papers on SQA's website

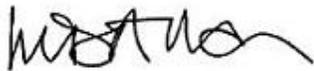
All past papers are available to download from SQA's website. Papers are available via a link on accessing the website: www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers.

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 exams diet of **2011** will be the last presentation for Standard Grade Classical Greek.

NQ Classical Greek Courses at Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 will continue to be available after that date.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Allan', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Margaret Allan
Qualifications Manager