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National Qualifications – Drama Update May 2013 National 4 Drama Added Value Unit

Please pass this to the member of staff responsible for Drama.

This update contains important information about a change to the N4 Drama Added Value Unit Specification and this is in response to the dialogue we have had with teachers during the past few months, and feedback we received at the CfE Implementation events of January- March this year. This concerns the question of devised/scripted performance for the N4 Added Value Unit and the need for further clarity - particularly in the context of bi-level teaching, N4/N5 integration of assessment and N4 and N5 pupils working on the same production.

The mandatory document, the Unit Specification for the N4 Added Value Unit, has been amended to provide that clarity. Page 3 of that document now has an additional sentence as follows:

'The performance content will be agreed between the learner and the teacher/lecturer. It may be devised or scripted'.

The revised Unit Specification will be published later in June, but we are contacting you at this stage so that you can incorporate this change into your planning for delivery of N4 and N5 Drama. You may wish to continue with devised work for the N4 Added Value Unit, but the change will give you more flexibility; pupils can now do improvisation or work from text. This will allow additional personalisation and choice educationally and increased flexibility in an N4/N5 bi-level teaching situation.

Please pass on this information to your Drama teaching staff and if you would like to discuss any of the contents of this update with us, please contact Joanna Morris (contact details above) or myself on 0345 213 6811 or email mary.mcdonald@sqa.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary McDonald'.

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