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To: SQA Co-ordinators
Secondary Schools and FE Colleges

cc: SQA Business Development Managers

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Dear Colleague

Please pass this letter to the member of staff responsible for English in your school or college.

Support for Centres

External Assessment and Internal Assessment reports for 2009 are now available on the English page of SQA's website and should be useful in the future preparation of candidates. A 2009 Course Report, Question Papers and Marking Instructions are also available for all levels.

As additional support for centres, Advanced Higher Textual Analysis materials are now available on the Understanding Standards website and examples of Creative Writing can be downloaded from SQA's secure site (access via your SQA Coordinator).

NQ Understanding Standards Professional Development Workshops

Professional Development Workshops for Higher and Standard Grade English took place on 28 November and 5 December. These events were well attended and a comprehensive pack was provided for all delegates. A limited number of packs are available to purchase at a cost of £40. Please contact SQA's Customer Contact Centre on 0845 279 1000 or customer@sqa.org.uk

External Assessment of Writing

A Qualifications Design Group has been formed and work is underway to consider the inclusion of writing in the external assessment at Higher, Intermediate 1, and Intermediate 2. The Arrangements Documents for each level will be amended to accommodate these changes and support materials will be made available to all centres.

The changes will be implemented from August 2010 and centres will be notified via launch events (details to follow), updates on SQA's website (NQ English page) and a further update letter in late January 2010.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan R Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

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