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To SQA Co-ordinator

For the attention of all staff responsible
for the delivery of Graphic Communication Courses.

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GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

Please find enclosed 2003-04 Assessment Guidance Documents and Student Records for Intermediate 2, Higher and Advanced Higher Graphic Communication.

We would like to confirm that there has been no change to the external coursework requirements of Advanced Higher. Candidates' marks must still be submitted for the *Computer Aided Graphic Presentation* **and** *Computer Aided 3D Modelling Presentation*. However, as part of the NQ Review, the amount of Unit assessment (ie NABs) has been reduced.

GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

Intermediate 2 – Computer Graphics Folio

There are no changes to the assessment requirements of the Computer Graphics Folio.

Higher – Thematic Presentation

In response to feedback from the field and to allow more credit to be given for “creativity”, we have reallocated 4 marks within the marking schedule of the Thematic Presentation:

- **2 marks have been added to *Section 1 Manual Graphics*.** There are now 6 marks available for part (c) Desktop Planning, (i) annotated sketches. Candidates must now also produce a visual of the desktop item and this will bring the Higher in line with the Advanced Higher course.
- **4 marks have been removed from *Section 3 Computer-Aided Illustration & Presentation*.** Previously, part (a), i) and ii) required candidates to render both an assembled drawing and a technical detail, for 6 and 4 marks respectively. There are now only 6 marks available for part (a), where candidates have to render **either** an assembled drawing **or** a technical detail.

- **Two marks have been added to *Section 3 Computer-Aided Illustration & Presentation*.** There are now 6 marks available for part (c) Promotional Graphics, (i) visual impact, etc. This allows greater credit to be given for creative use of Illustration Packages, eg use of tools and commands such as filters, effects and distortions.

Advanced Higher – Computer Aided Graphic Presentation & Computer Aided 3D Modelling Presentation

There are minor amendments to the guidance documents but there is no change to either marking schemes. Candidates must complete a Computer Aided Graphic Presentation **and** a Computer Aided 3D Modelling Presentation for the external assessment.

STUDENT RECORDS

If you require further copies of Student Records please contact Marion Weir (Tel: 0141 242 2174, E-mail: marion.weir@sqa.org.uk).

ADVANCED HIGHER CHANGE TO NAB REQUIREMENTS

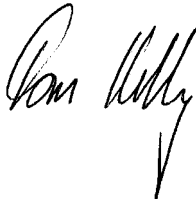
This year, as part of the NQ Review, we reduced the amount of Unit assessment for Advanced Higher. We recently sent you a letter advising you on the reduced requirement of the NABs. Please note:

- **The unit folio for the Computer-Aided Graphic Presentation Unit** no longer needs to be assessed for Unit assessment purposes. This is the folio in the NAB, covering Outcomes 1 and 2 (ie NAB: Computer-Aided Graphic Presentation D177 13/NAB001, page 6).

Please note this does not affect the course assessment requirement. You are still required to submit candidates' marks for *Computer-Aided Graphic Presentation Folio* and *Computer-Aided 3D Modelling Folio*). These folios are still internally marked and subject to external moderation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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