

Moderation Feedback – Central - 2005

Assessment Panel:

Drama, Dance and Media Studies

Qualification area

**Subject(s) and Level(s)
included in this report**

**DF14 Media Studies Fiction
DF15 Media Studies Non Fiction
DF16 Media Studies Production**

**Intermediate 1 Higher
Intermediate 2**

General comments on moderation activity

This central moderation indicated for the most part that candidates performed well in assessments in areas of fiction, non fiction and production.

In some cases candidates performed less well because they were entered at levels inappropriate to their ability.

Candidates also performed less well if the assessment text was too difficult or demanding for the level being assessed.

Specific issues identified

It is very important that staff teaching this subject read and understand the arrangements document. Reading the reports of Moderators reference is made a number of times to this document and the obvious misunderstanding of this by staff at Centres.

These arrangements were revised for 2004/05 and this could be the reason.

If Centres have any queries regarding the interpretation of the arrangements they should contact SQA for advice.

Feedback to centres

It is important that Centres are fully aware of the requirement of the Unit assessment specifications.

Some points worth noting from central moderation.

- ◆ The key aspects can be covered over the two assessments ie for fiction and non fiction. It is not necessary to cover all key aspects for each assessment.
- ◆ It is appropriate to specify which key aspects candidates are expected to address for each assessment.
- ◆ The text/s used for assessment should be appropriate for the level being assessed.
- ◆ Centres should be aware from formative assessments at which level candidates should be presented.
- ◆ If there are any queries regarding interpretation of Unit specifications or any other query concerning the arrangements SQA would be happy to give advice.
- ◆ Reports back to Centres from the central moderation should be read carefully and any queries regarding comments can be referred to SQA.