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To: Head of Centre, SQA Co-ordinator
Secondary Schools and FE Colleges

Cc: Directors of Education, Key Stakeholders
And Teaching Associations

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Dear Colleague,

NQ Review: Update on Phase 1 Major Reviews

I am writing to update you on the progress of the first phase of major subject reviews. I would be grateful if you would pass this information to subject specialists in your centre.

All of the investigation reports for subjects in the first phase of major subject reviews have now received Ministerial approval. These are:

Accounting and Finance
Administration
Craft and Design
Computing and Information Systems
Geography
Media Studies
Music
Physical Education
Psychology
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies

The full reports will be made available on SQA's website in the last week of August. I attach the Executive Summaries for each of the major review reports. These give a useful overview and introduction to the detailed report.

Development teams are now working with Subject Advisory Groups to revise Course Arrangements, Units, NABs and Specimen Papers, all of which will progress through SQA's vetting and validation process prior to implementation.

It is our intention to publish updates on the work in progress on each subject on our website beginning in September, so that subject specialists are aware of key milestones in the development process.

Revisions to Courses in all of the above subjects are scheduled for implementation in session 2004 with the exception of Music. Revisions to Music Courses will be implemented in session 2005/6.

I also wish to draw your attention at this stage to the position on Advanced Higher Courses in the major review subjects. A table detailing implementation dates for changes at this level is enclosed with this letter.

Revised Course Arrangements, NABs and Specimen Papers will be made available to centres from the spring 2004 onwards. Further details about dissemination will be made available to centres in due course.

Once again, I would like to thank you and your colleagues for your valuable contribution to the consultation process.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the first name 'Gill' and the last name 'Stewart' written in a cursive style.

Dr Gill Stewart
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