

Moderation Feedback

Assessment Panel:

Computing and Information Systems

Qualification area

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

Advanced Higher Computing

Specific issues identified

- ◆ Most projects submitted were of a Software Development nature, only a few candidates undertook the Investigative option.
- ◆ The majority of projects were of appropriate breadth and depth for Advanced Higher.
- ◆ Some excellent (in a few cases exceptional) work undertaken.
- ◆ Many centres are to be commended for submitting clearly annotated marking grids. These are very useful to moderators and may become even more important if the move is towards central moderation.
- ◆ The micro-marking encouraged by exemplar materials currently in the public domain can lead to inflated totals/ Several centres had to be encouraged to take more of a holistic approach to marking the work submitted.
- ◆ The one area which seems to have been weaker than most others is that of 'selecting a strategy'. Many candidates did not address this properly either failing to consider anything other than the strategy adopted or merely making a token gesture at alternative approaches.
- ◆ In some cases test strategies and evidence of rigorous testing were missing from the reports submitted. Moderators were able in a few cases to discuss this with candidates but, since this is not a pre-requisite of the course, candidates should be encouraged to document the testing thoroughly.
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