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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications update — Construction

The contents of this letter should be passed to members of staff responsible for NQ Construction.

General issues

Consultation on the next generation of National Qualifications

As colleagues will know the Scottish Government consultation on the next generation of National Qualifications ended on 31 October 2008. Responses are being analysed by Ipsos MORI. It is anticipated that the Government's formal response will be published in the spring of 2009. SQA is currently establishing a new 'Curriculum for Excellence' Qualifications Development Team to lead the development of new and revised qualifications emerging from the consultation.

Action research projects

Following the success of last year's projects and their showcase at the Scottish Learning Festival in September, we are delighted to announce that six new projects have recently been commissioned. The six — at Bathgate Academy, Brannock Academy, Cumnock Academy, Kersland School, North Lanarkshire Council and St Roch's Secondary — involve participant led exploration of assessment, attainment and achievement through existing SQA qualifications with a view to informing innovation and change within Curriculum for Excellence. Projects include developments in online assessment; Supply Chain Management and Core Skills; vocational approaches to modern languages; and personal development.

For further detail on any of this work please contact John Allan, Policy and New Products team (e-mail: john.allan@sqa.org.uk).

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the festive season.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graeme Findlay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Graeme Findlay
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