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To: SQA Co-ordinator
Directors of Education

**For the attention of all staff responsible for the
delivery of National Qualifications in English**

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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications — English

Component Feedback

Details are being issued to centres of marks gained by each candidate in the components of the 2004 examinations in English at the following levels: Intermediate 2, Higher, Advanced Higher. This feedback is an extension of the system piloted in 2003 for certain subjects and levels (including English at Intermediate 2). The SQA Co-ordinator in each centre should be able to provide details to departments.

Higher Close Reading

Centres are asked to note that the passages set in examination papers for Close Reading in Higher English may be printed in columns (like a newspaper) or without columns (like the pages of a book). The examiners will decide on the format most suitable for each passage in any year. In addition, the questions on passages may be printed in the same paper as the passages or on a separate page (or pages) to accompany the paper containing the passages. Candidates should be made aware of the possibility of these formats in future years.

National Assessment Bank (NAB)

Further NAB material has been prepared for Higher English Close Reading (code D8VH 12/NAB003). Centres are reminded that NAB material is now made available on SQA's secure website.

Professional Development Workshops

SQA is offering Professional Development Workshops for teachers and lecturers of English (Higher and Intermediate 2) on a number of days between August and November 2004.

Enquiries concerning bookings should be directed to SQA's Customer Contact Centre (telephone: 0845 279 1000, e-mail: customer@sqa.org.uk).

Yours faithfully



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