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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

Website

The dedicated English page on SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk) contains Arrangements (syllabus and assessment requirements), specimen question papers (including re-formatted versions for examinations in and after 2006), marking instructions, reports on examinations, and other information and guidance.

Development visits

More than fifty development visits have already been conducted by the Principal Assessor for Higher English in 2005. Higher English development visits are available on request, at no cost, to regions, groups of centres or individual centres. Any requests for such visits should be directed to me in the first instance. A suitable day and a programme for each visit can then be arranged.

Professional Development Workshops

In addition to the Professional Development Workshops held in 2005, further workshop events are being planned for 2006 — for example, additional workshops on Higher English in early 2006, and a workshop on Standard Grade English in Autumn 2006.

Details of future workshop events will be available in due course from SQA's Customer Contact Centre:

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Age and stage

The regulations relating to 'age and stage' have been removed, and have been replaced by guidance (from the Scottish Executive). Details are available in the general section of the current edition of 'Conditions and Arrangements' (available on SQA's website).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bloney".

Miss B Loney
Qualifications Manager