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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications update: Higher History

The contents of this letter should be passed to the member of staff responsible for History.

Arrangements

Further to my letter of 14 February 2007, the Fifth Edition (March 2007) of the Arrangements for Higher History are on the subject page of SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk) and can be downloaded for centre use. Centres should note that, in addition to the reduction in marks in Paper 1 to 40 instead of 50, the layout of the Arrangements has been updated, so that the detailed content descriptors now appear in the Unit specifications. The advice on reassessment now reflects current practice whereby a fresh NAB should be used in any reassessment.

National Assessment Bank

The above advice will also be incorporated into revised NABs for Units D255 (Scottish and British) and D256 (European and World). These are currently in production and will be available for the start of session 2007/08. Centres should destroy copies of the present NABs, which will no longer be valid. However, Unit passes already achieved using the present NABs will still count towards the Course award in 2008.

Marks Grid for the Extended Essay

An exemplar showing the use of the Marks Grid has been posted on the secure area of SQA's website and can be accessed via SQA Co-ordinators.

National Consultation

Details of this are on the History subject page of SQA's website. The deadline for submissions is 14 July 2007.

Yours faithfully



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