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Dear Colleague

### **National Qualifications update — Media Studies.**

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

#### **Media Studies: Intermediate 2 and Higher**

The Understanding Standards event in Glasgow on 6 February 2010 was a very successful day which appealed to all who attended and gave many ideas about improving the experience of candidates and their results. While there is no substitute for attending and being able to interact with presenters and delegates alike, the next best thing is to have the materials from the day. These can now be accessed on the secure section of SQA's website — under *Candidate Exemplars and Commentaries*. The scripts come from the 2009 examinations at Intermediate 2 and Higher.

#### **Advanced Higher Media Studies**

This Course will be withdrawn under the terms of our low uptake policy. Unfortunately even with the revisions made, uptake has been low and — because of the generally late start for many candidates — is unlikely to improve in the short term. The examination will be held for the last time in 2011, and after that freestanding Units (DV31 13, DV32 13 and DF16 13) will be available, but not the Course.

**National Assessment Bank materials for Media Studies.**

National Assessment Bank (NAB) materials are being updated and refreshed with new exemplars reflecting up-to-date practice and texts used in centres. The new NABs will be advertised to centres by bulk e-mail when they are put on the secure site, and we hope they will be useful to all future Unit assessment.

**National Certificate Group Awards and National Progression Awards (NQGAs and NPAs)**

There are freestanding Units at SCQF levels 5 and 6 which also form part of the NQGA in Media which is now available for use, and can be frequently be gained when production work is taking place. The Group Award is coded G975 46, NPAs in Radio Broadcasting (SCQF level 5), Television Production (SCQF level 5), Journalism (SCQF level 6) and Digital Production Skills (SCQF level 5) will be available from August 2010.

Yours faithfully,



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