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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications — NQ Review Music Update August 2005

Please pass this letter to the member of staff responsible for Music.

This letter is an update on the progress of the National Qualifications Review in Music as we move towards implementation of the new reviewed Courses and Units in Music in 2006/2007. Information is provided on:

- ◆ National Launch Events
- ◆ Support Materials
- ◆ Launch of Music DVD

Please make copies of the attachment to this letter and distribute to your Music teaching and instrumental staff.

Please note that new reviewed Course and Unit specifications were published on SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk) in May 2005.

If you would like to discuss any of the contents of this letter please contact Muriel Walker (contact details above) or myself on 0131-271 6774, or e-mail: mary.mcdonald@sqa.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



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National Launch Events

- Dates:** from 1-17 November 2005
- Locations:** Aberdeen, Dumfries, Edinburgh, Falkirk, Glasgow and Inverness
- Purpose:** to launch the following:
- ◆ Reviewed Course and Unit specifications
 - ◆ Course Assessment specifications and new specimen question papers
 - ◆ New repertoire lists for National Qualifications in Music: Performing
 - ◆ New NABs
 - ◆ New support materials
 - ◆ Prescribed works
- Invitations:** SQA will invite all centres to send **one** representative to one of the November Launch events. Invitations and information will arrive in centres by the end of August 2005.

Support Materials

Work is ongoing to provide a wide range of resources to support centres in the implementation of Reviewed Units and Courses. Although implementation is scheduled for 2006/2007, resources are being published now and can be downloaded free from Learning and Teaching Scotland website. Go to www.ltscotland.org.uk/nq and you will find the following:

Music: Listening	Literacy workbooks (Intermediate 1 - Advanced Higher)
Music: Composing	Review of published and online materials
Music: Sound Engineering and Production	Revised concepts glossary

There will be more publications in due course and we will keep you informed about these.

Launch of Music DVD

Among the resources being provided to enhance the implementation of reviewed Units and Courses is a DVD. This is now in the final stages of production.

The DVD and accompanying CD include performances of a number of short prescribed works recorded by students of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, all of them very close to the age group of NQ candidates. The works have been chosen to exemplify different styles, genres and instrumental/vocal groupings. Each performance is prefaced by an illustrated introduction, and the DVD includes a number of interviews relevant to the works performed. LT Scotland plans to support this resource by publishing annotated scores and support notes.

Peter Peacock, the Minister for Education and Young People, will launch the DVD on 21 September 2005 at the SETT Conference in Glasgow. All centres will be invited by LT Scotland to send one representative to the launch, and we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at that event.