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Dear Colleague,

Dual Running and Transition Arrangements of Intermediate 1 Computing Studies, Intermediate 2 and Higher Computing

The contents of this letter should be passed to the members of staff responsible for Computing and Computing Studies.

The frameworks for all of the 'old' and 'new' Computing and Computing Studies Courses are detailed in the appendices to this letter. Please ensure that candidates are entered for the correct Courses and Units and that the correct procedure for assessing and submitting coursework marks is followed.

Candidates who already hold Unit passes from old Computing or Computing Studies courses

Transition Arrangements have been put in place to allow Units that were achieved within the old Courses to count towards the new Courses where appropriate. These arrangements are designed to assist candidates who have completed the old Course and now want to upgrade through sitting the new external assessment. Details of the transition arrangements relating to each course are given at Appendix 1, 2 and 3 under the Notes section.

Please note that Course content has changed and so candidates who wish to take advantage of these transition arrangements will still need to cover new Course content before attempting the new Course assessment. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about these arrangements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Middleton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

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Appendix 1

Dual Running Arrangements for Intermediate 1 Computing Studies

	Old Framework	New Framework
Course Title	Intermediate 1 Computing Studies — C016 10	Intermediate 1 Computing Studies — C207 10
Mandatory Units	Computer Systems (D093 10) Computer Application Software (D094 10)	Computer Applications (DF33 10) Multimedia Applications (DF34 10)
Optional Units	Software Development (D095 10) The Internet (D096 10) Information Systems (D097 10)	Information and the Internet (DF36 10) Computers and the Internet (DF37 10)
Course Assessment	Exam Paper, Project	Exam Paper, Coursework Task
Coursework Arrangements	Project marked out of 50, submitted as a percentage.	Coursework Task marked out of 40, submitted unscaled.
	To achieve a Course award, candidates must sit and pass the external assessment, including the project and pass both mandatory Units and one optional Unit.	To achieve a Course award, candidates must sit and pass the external assessment, including the Coursework task and pass both mandatory Units and one optional Unit.

Notes

1. During this session (04/05), entries have been accepted for either the old or the new Course, ie there is dual running this session. However, in session 05/06 and beyond, centres can only enter candidates for the new Course (C207 10).

If you are running the old Course (C016 10) this session then please note:

- The new coursework cannot be used with the old exam.
- Only 'old' Units can contribute to the 'old' Course.

- 2 Where centres wish to enter candidates for the new course who have achieved some or all of the old Units, they should note that:
- ◆ If a candidate holds passes in all three qualifying Units (two mandatory and one optional) from the old framework, regardless of title, then these three Unit passes can contribute to the new Course at Int 1.
 - ◆ The old project cannot be submitted as coursework for the new Course.
 - ◆ Although old units can be used towards the new Course as explained above, centres should be aware that the Course content has changed. When preparing candidates for the external examination, centres should examine Course content to identify new content and ensure that candidates are properly prepared.

Examples

- A. Candidate passed D093, D094 and D096, but **failed** (or wishes to upgrade) the old Course.
- ◆ Candidate can be entered for the new Course external assessment only. The old Unit passes will count towards the new Course.
 - ◆ Candidates must be prepared for any new Course content before attempting the examination.
- B. Candidate passed D093 and D094, but failed D096 and **failed** (or wishes to upgrade) Course examination.
- ◆ Candidate can be entered for the new Course. Unit passes D093 and D094 **cannot** stand in for any of the new Units.
 - ◆ Candidates should be entered for the new Units as well as the new Course.

Appendix 2

Dual Running Arrangements for Intermediate 2 Computing

	Old Framework	New Framework
Course Title	Intermediate 2 Computing — C017 11	Intermediate 2 Computing — C206 11
Mandatory Units	Software Development — Int 2 (D095 11) Computer Systems — Int 2 (D093 11) Computing Project — Int 2 (D098 11)	Software Development — Int 2 (DF2Y 11) Computer Systems — Int 2 (DF2X 11)
Optional Units		Artificial Intelligence — Int 2 (DF31 11) Computer Networking — Int 2 (DF30 11) Multimedia Technology — Int 2 (DF32 11)
Course Assessment	Exam Paper, Project from Project NAB	Exam Paper, Coursework Task
Coursework Arrangements	Project marked out of 42, submitted as a percentage.	Coursework Task marked out of 30, submitted unscaled.
	To achieve a Course award, candidates must sit and pass the external assessment, including the Coursework and pass all three mandatory Units.	To achieve a Course award, candidates must sit and pass the external assessment, including the Coursework task and pass both mandatory Units and one optional Unit.

Notes

1. During this session (04/05), entries have been accepted for either the old or the new Course, ie there is dual running this session. However, in session 05/06 and beyond, centres can only enter candidates for the new Course (C206 11).

If you are running the old course (C017 11) this session then please note:

- ◆ The new coursework cannot be used with the old exam.
- ◆ Only 'old' units can contribute to the 'old' Course.

2. Where centres wish to enter candidates for the new Course who have achieved some or all of the old Units, they should note that:
- ◆ Passes in Units in the old framework which have the same title as Units in the new framework can contribute to the new Course.
 - ◆ In addition, if a candidate holds passes in three qualifying Units from the old framework, regardless of title, then these three Unit passes can contribute to the new Course at Int 2.
 - ◆ The old Coursework cannot be used with the new Course Exam.
 - ◆ Although old Units can be used towards the new Course as explained above, centres should be aware that the Course content has changed. When preparing candidates for the external examination, centres should examine Course content to identify new content and ensure that candidates are properly prepared.

Examples

- A. Candidate passed D093, D095 and D098, but **failed** (or wishes to upgrade) the old Course.
- ◆ Candidate can be entered for the new Course assessment. All old Unit passes will contribute to the new Course.
 - ◆ Candidate must be prepared for any new Course content in Computer Systems and Software Development before attempting the examination.
 - ◆ In addition, since the new Course content now includes Artificial Intelligence, Computer Networking or Multimedia Technology candidates must be prepared to answer questions in one of these optional sections.
- B. Candidate passed D093 and D098 but failed D095, and **failed** (or wishes to upgrade) the old Course.
- ◆ Candidate can be entered for the new Course assessment. Unit pass D093 can stand in for DF2X but the candidate should be entered for DF2Y **and** one of the optional Units since D098 cannot contribute to the new Course in this case.
 - ◆ Candidates must be prepared for any new Course content in Computer Systems before attempting the examination.

Appendix 3

Dual Running Arrangements for Higher Computing

	Old Framework	New Framework
Course Title	Higher Computing — C017 12	Higher Computing — C206 12
Mandatory Units	Software Development — H (D095 12) Computer Systems (D093 12)	Software Development (DF2Y 12) Computer Systems (DF2X 12)
Optional Units	Artificial Intelligence (D101 12) Computer Networking (D099 12) Computer Programming (D100 12) Multimedia technology (D102 12)	Artificial Intelligence — H (DF31 12) Computer Networking — H (DF30 12) Multimedia Technology (DF32 12)
Course Assessment	Exam Paper, NAB based Coursework	Exam Paper, Coursework Task
Coursework Arrangements	Coursework is 2 Unit Assessments marked out of 20, submitted as a percentage.	Coursework Task marked out of 60, submitted unscaled.
	To achieve a Course award, candidates must sit and pass the external assessment, including the Coursework and pass both mandatory Units and one optional Unit.	To achieve a Course award, candidates must sit and pass the external assessment, including the Coursework task and pass both mandatory Units and one optional Unit.

Notes

1. During this session (04/05), entries have been accepted for either the old or the new Course, ie there is dual running this session. However, in session 05/06 and beyond, centres can only enter candidates for the new Course (C206 12).

If you are running the old course (C017 12) this session then please note:

- ◆ The new coursework cannot be used with the old exam.

- ◆ Only 'old' units can contribute to the 'old' Course.
2. Where centres wish to enter candidates for the new Course who have achieved some or all of the old Units, they should note that:
- ◆ Passes in Units in the old framework which have the same title as Units in the new framework can contribute to the new Course.
 - ◆ In addition, if a candidate holds passes in three qualifying Units (two Mandatory and one Optional) from the old framework, regardless of title, then these three Unit passes can contribute to the new Course at Higher.
 - ◆ The old Coursework cannot be used with the new Course Exam.
 - ◆ Although old Units can be used towards the new Course as explained above, centres should be aware that the Course content has changed. When preparing candidates for the external examination, centres should examine course content to identify new content and ensure that candidates are properly prepared.

Examples

- A. Candidate passed D093 D095 and D100, but **failed** (or wishes to upgrade) the old Course.
- ◆ Candidate can be entered for the new Course assessment. All Unit passes will count towards the Course.
 - ◆ Candidates must be prepared for any new Course content in Computer Systems and Software Development before attempting the examination.
 - ◆ In addition, since the new Course content does not include Computer Programming, the candidate will need to be prepared to answer questions on one of the new optional sections, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Networking or Multimedia Technology.
2. Candidate passed D093 and D100 but failed D095, and **failed** (or wishes to upgrade) the old Course.
- ◆ Candidate can be entered for the new Course assessment. Unit pass D093 can stand in for DF2X, but the candidate should be entered for DF2Y and also one of the optional Units since D100 cannot contribute to the new Course in this case.

- Candidates must be prepared for any new Course content in Computer Systems before attempting the examination.