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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications in History

Further to my letter of 28 February 2010, centres are asked to note the points below.

Arrangements for Higher History

The final version of the revised Arrangements for Higher History, due for introduction in session 2010-11, are posted on the History section of SQA's website. This contains the new Course code (C259 12) and the new Unit codes.

There are three minor changes from the previous version that centres should note:

1. As indicated at the launch meetings, some issues designated as 'assessments' have been redesignated as 'evaluations' to reflect teaching and assessment practice.
2. A number of the descriptors for 'evaluation' issues have been modified in the light of item-banking of future questions to cover the isolated factors that will be used in external assessments.
3. The requirement to study issues only from one context has been freed up; page five now reads 'Candidates should study one context/set of issues in each of the three Units.' This opens the possibility of studying, for example, issues 5 and 6 from the German or Italian contexts along with issues 1 – 4 from the Appeasement topic to create a study of the inter-war period. Centres may make other similar connections. This approach is not recommended in the Scottish History Unit.

If you wish further clarification of any points in this letter, please contact either Duncan Cox (tel: 0845 213 5498; duncan.cox@sqa.org.uk) or myself at the above address.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Cheyne". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned centrally below the "Yours faithfully" text.

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