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To: SQA Co-ordinator
Directors of Education

**For the attention of all staff responsible for the
delivery of National Qualifications in English**

Action by Recipient
Response required
✓ Note and pass on
None — update/information only

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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications — English

Advanced Higher

Details of the new lists (for next session) for Literary Study and Language Study were given in the update letter of June 2006. Update letters are available on the English subject page of SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk). The new lists for Literary Study and Language Study will apply to the Units concerned next session, and to the 2008 examination, and are to continue until and including the 2011 examination at least.

The lists for the current session (and for the 2007 examination) are given in the current edition of the Arrangements for Advanced Higher English (on the English subject page of SQA's website). A new edition of the Arrangements, containing the new lists to apply in and after next session, will be placed on the website after the 2007 examination. Meantime, as mentioned above, details of the new lists (for next session) can be found in the update letter of June 2006.

National Assessment Bank (NAB)

There are now five 'double-passage' NAB packs for Higher English Close Reading, in addition to other NAB material, from which teachers/lecturers may choose one for end-of-Unit internal assessment of the Outcome concerned. The 'double-passage' NAB material may also be used to provide the Close Reading part of a Higher prelim, if a centre so wishes.

There are two kinds of NAB material: examples of work (such as those provided in NAB packs for Writing or Personal Study) and assessment material (such as the passages and questions provided in NAB packs for Close Reading or Textual Analysis). Complete lists of NAB material are available on SQA's website.

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'A Curriculum for Excellence'

English is being considered in the area of 'languages' in the current developments relating to 'A Curriculum for Excellence'. Information is available on the appropriate website (www.acurriculumforexcellencescotland.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully



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