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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications update — History

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

Extended Essay/Response

As intimated in the newsletter of 24 November 2009, the conditions relating to the production of the Extended Essay/Response were updated for the 2010 diet. These were not issued to centres until recently. Any centre where candidates may have been disadvantaged by this delay in issue should include a note of explanation along with the candidates' submissions. Examiners will consider each case on its merits. The revised instructions will also pertain to the 2011 diet.

There was a misprint on one form relating to the length of the Plan for the Extended Response. It should read 150 words, not 200, as in previous years.

Revisions to Higher History

Arrangements

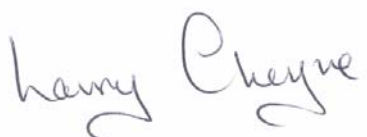
The Arrangements document published in January 2009 will be superseded by a definitive version in July 2010. It will include Course and Unit codes, as well as the amendments pointed up in the November 2009 newsletter. Centres should dispose of earlier versions of the Arrangements.

Exemplification

After the extra launch meeting in March, finalised commentaries on the sample scripts used for both Paper 1 and Paper 2 will be posted shortly on the subject page of the Understanding Standards website (www.understandingstandards.org.uk).

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Cheyne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and 'C'.

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