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## **NQ Media Studies update information**

### **Media Studies Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2 and Higher question papers**

1. At Intermediate 1, changes have been made to the question paper in Section 2: Media Production. Candidates will no longer have the option of designing a website homepage. The website question has been replaced by a scenario question, to correlate with Intermediate 2 and Higher Arrangements. The scenario question will present candidates with story-like material. They will be directed to use this material to plan a media text.
2. Use of the SQA Question Banks for Unseen Analysis at both Intermediate 1 and 2 is recommended. Centres should no longer devise their own. The Question Banks will be issued to centres with standard Unseen Analysis stationery in February of each year. They are currently available on the Media Studies page of SQA's website ([www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)) in a Guidance Document called *Unseen Analysis Intermediate 1 and 2* (November 2007).
3. As a result of these changes, specimen question papers at Intermediate 1 and 2 are being revised and are temporarily unavailable from SQA's website.
4. Specimen question papers at Higher have also been removed from SQA's website for amendment in light of the 2008 changes to Section 2: Media Production. Unseen Analysis at Higher remains unchanged.
5. From 2008 the order of questions in the Media Production section of question papers at Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2 and Higher will be changed. The same choices will be available but the Reflective question will not necessarily always be first.

I hope you find this information of use. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or my colleague Karin Wilson on 0845 213 5517 should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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