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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**

**Guidance material**

Centres are asked to bring to the attention of candidates the guidance material available on the English subject page of SQA's website ([www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)). In addition to the Candidate Guides for various levels, there are also specimen question papers and marking instructions, together with the complete Arrangements for each level.

**Advanced Higher**

Centres are asked to remind candidates of the following points:

- ◆ A bibliography must be submitted with the dissertation for Specialist Study in Advanced Higher English. The dissertation must also contain relevant footnotes.
- ◆ In the Advanced Higher English examination, each candidate is required to write inside the front cover of the Literary Study answer booklet the topic of the Specialist Study (dissertation) and the texts used in the Specialist Study (dissertation).
- ◆ Authors, texts and topics chosen by a candidate for Specialist Study (dissertation) must not also be chosen by the candidate in order to answer a question in the Literary Study, Language Study or Reading the Media sections of the examination paper.
- ◆ With regard to Creative Writing, the requirement is for submission of a piece of creative writing (singular) in each of the two genres chosen by the candidate. This requirement for a piece of creative writing (singular) applies to poetry as well as to other genres. Candidates should not submit groups of unrelated (or loosely related) poems. (In assessment, the value of one good poem within a group is diminished by the presence of weaker poems.)

The list of authors and texts specified for Literary Study and the list of topics specified for Language Study for the 2007 examination in Advanced Higher English remain as they were for 2006. The (already published) new lists for these components will apply to the 2008 examination.

### **Estimates, Absentees and Appeals**

The latest guidance on these matters (both general and subject-specific) will be found on SQA's website.

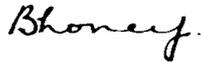
### **National Assessment Bank**

Centres are reminded that all National Assessment Bank (NAB) material is now made available online and may be obtained from the secure area of SQA's website by the SQA Co-ordinator in each centre. If there is any technical difficulty in accessing this material, the Co-ordinator should contact SQA's Customer Contact Centre for assistance (telephone: 0845 279 1000; e-mail: [customer@sqa.org.uk](mailto:customer@sqa.org.uk)).

### **Examinations**

Centres are asked to remind candidates that no books or any other reference materials are permitted in the examinations (external assessment) for English at any level.

Yours faithfully



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