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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**

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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications — English

Higher Close Reading

It was previously indicated that the examiners would decide on a suitable format for the passages — printed in columns (like a newspaper) or without columns (like the pages of a book). The examiners have advised that in and after the 2007 examination the passages should be printed without columns. A specimen question paper showing this format is being made available on SQA's website. Centres are asked to bring this to the attention of candidates.

Professional Development Workshops

Centres are reminded that the following Professional Development Workshops are being offered for English.

Standard Grade English	16 September 2006 (Glasgow)
Higher English	30 September 2006 (Glasgow)
Advanced Higher English (Textual Analysis and Creative Writing)	28 October 2006 (Edinburgh)

Details of cost and procedure for booking places may be obtained from SQA's Customer Contact Centre, which may be contacted as shown below.

e-mail: customer@sqa.org.uk
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Advanced Higher

As previously indicated, the list of authors and texts specified for Literary Study in Advanced Higher English for session 2005-2006 will continue for session **2006-2007** (and the 2007 examination).

New lists for Literary Study and Language Study will apply with regard to session **2007-2008** (and the 2008 examination). Details were issued to centres in June 2006.

A new specimen question paper applying to the 2008 examination is being made available on SQA's website. Centres are reminded that the earlier specimen question paper (still also available on the website) applies to the 2007 examination.

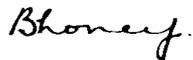
National Assessment Bank

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).

Candidate Guides

Centres are asked to bring to the attention of candidates the candidate guidance material for English (at various levels) available on the English subject page of SQA's website.

Yours faithfully



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