



National Qualifications Support Team

Art and Design (including Photography)

Action grid from meeting held on 29 October 2014

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1	Welcome and introductions	Qualifications Manager Lesley Clark (LC) welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the NQST and introductions were made.		
2	Roles and remit of NQST confidentiality	LC gave an overview of the role and remit of the Art and Design NQST. An emphasis was placed on confidentiality. Members noted the overview provided.		
3	NQST Quickr place demonstration	Qualifications Officer Lynn McKinlay (LMcK) gave a brief overview of the NQST Quickr place — a dedicated online forum for the team.		
4	Diet 2013–14	Members discussed the National 5 assessment. It was the opinion of the majority of the group that the National 5 Question Paper was a very good paper. The group feedback was that the first year of e-marking had been a challenge for the marking team, but those involved said they would participate again in 2014–15. The Key Messages Reports and draft Course Report were noted by the group and it was highlighted that the Art and Design Nat 5 Course Report would be published by the end of the month. Members were encouraged to share these documents with colleagues.		

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5	Verification activity 2013–14	<p>Subject Implementation Manager Vince Donnelly gave an update on verification activity. The following were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The reports were of very good quality. ◆ Centres fed back that the process was very supportive. ◆ The use of sketchbooks was very popular. ◆ The process was received remarkably well by centres and staff. 		
6	Overview of Understanding Standards activity	<p>LC advised that Understanding Standards events would take place in January. Details can be found on SQA's website.</p> <p>The exemplification materials produced will be published on SQA's secure site in due course.</p>		
7	AOB	<p>The group received copies of the Higher Art and Design Specimen Question Paper. It was highlighted that this had been revised, specifically questions 3 and 4.</p> <p>Members discussed the Generation Art website as a source of using themes and topics. This will be added to the Quickr place for information.</p> <p>Members were thanked for their time and participation in the discussion and were encouraged to use Quickr for further discussion and sharing of information.</p>	All	Ongoing