

Classical Languages: Classical Greek and Latin



Welcome to the first edition of our new-look subject update, which replaces the letter you would have received previously. This complements our regular monthly and weekly communications, with more information relevant to your subject, and details of what we have been working on.

I would encourage you to make regular use of our subject pages, where you will find support documents, answers to Common Questions, and links to other areas of interest. Documents that must be treated confidentially can be found on our secure site and you can arrange access to these through your SQA Co-ordinator.

I hope you find the following update helpful, and please contact me if you have any questions.

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Updates to documents

In the **special edition June 2014 update** on the new National Qualifications, we explained that we would be making updates to documents containing mandatory information on National 3 to National 5 Courses, along with the associated Unit assessment support packs.

National 3 to National 5 Latin

Unit assessment support packs have been updated to ensure consistency with the revised mandatory documents.

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A high level summary of these updates can be found in the notification of changes spreadsheet for National 3 to National 5, at **www.sqa.org.uk/cfesubjectchanges**.

New Higher Latin

Documents containing mandatory information on the new Higher Courses were reviewed and revised in April and May 2014, along with the Higher Unit assessment support packs.

A high level summary of these updates can be found in the notification of changes spreadsheet for Higher Languages, at **www.sqa.org.uk/cfesubjectchanges**.

Support and guidance

General information

Centres are reminded of the guidance available within the ***Advanced Higher Dissertation Guide for Classical Languages*** available on SQA's website, and the ***Appendix to Dissertation Guide***, which can be found on SQA's secure website. Please also refer to this year's External Assessment report for further guidance.

Key dates

Centres are reminded of the following key dates regarding the implementation of the new qualifications:

- ◆ In 2015, Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 will dual run with the new National 3, 4 and 5 qualifications, and the existing Higher will dual run with the new Higher.
- ◆ In 2016, Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Higher and Advanced Higher will no longer be available, with National 3, 4 and 5, new Higher, and new Advanced Higher all available.
- ◆ 2015 will be the last year for any external examination in Classical Greek, although Unit provision will remain in place.

Finalised Marking Instructions for the 2014 Classical Greek and Latin question papers are available on the relevant subject pages of SQA's website.

Guidance on performance in external Course assessments and evidence generated for internal assessment is published annually. This includes Course Reports, External Assessment Reports and Verification Key Messages, all of which will be available in the autumn via the relevant subject pages of SQA's website. Internal Assessment Reports will not be published for the new National Courses.

The following Verification Key Messages are now available:

- ◆ **National 3 to National 5 Latin**

Please take time to read the above report as it contains useful feedback on candidate performance in 2013–14.

Looking ahead to 2014–15

We would like to express our gratitude and extend our thanks to all those who have undertaken duties in session 2013–14. We appreciate the work that all the teams carry out and look forward to continuing to work with them during session 2014–15.

Understanding Standards

Throughout session 2014–15, we will be publishing a range of Understanding Standards materials for both Unit and Course assessment. These materials will include candidate evidence with commentaries and can be used by centres for training and bench-marking purposes. We will also run Understanding Standards events for Unit assessment, for Nominees to share knowledge of Unit assessment with their colleagues. In addition, we will run Understanding Standards events for Course assessment for National 5, which will be open to all subject specialists.

Further information will follow in SQA's weekly and monthly centre updates.
