

Drama

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Diet 2019

Changes to documents following Diet 2019

A recommended text list has been added to the National 5 course specification as appendix 3 and the make-up and hair requirements have been amended for clarification. The latest version (dated September 2019) is available on the [subject page](#).

Course reports

Please read the annual course reports for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Drama. We produce these reports following the exam diet and they provide information on how candidates performed in course assessment for National Qualifications.

Course reports include a summary of areas candidates performed well in and areas candidates found demanding. They also contain advice on preparing candidates for future assessment, and statistical data relating to grade boundaries. Course reports are available from the [subject pages](#) of our website.

Coursework

Submitting coursework

Please ensure candidates use the current, published coursework assessment tasks.

Ahead of the uplift of the Advanced Higher Drama assignment coursework materials in May we would like to remind you that candidates are required to submit their resource sheet along with their coursework. A penalty will be applied in the case of non-submission — details can be found in the course specification.

Further information can be found in our [Coursework for External Assessment](#) document and the Drama [subject pages](#) of our website.

Information and guidance

Online resources to help you prepare for National 5

A National 5 webinar recording covering the 2019 question paper and areas of the course which centres and candidates find challenging is available on our website. A Question and Answer document is available to accompany this recording.

Understanding Standards materials

New candidate evidence and commentary materials will be published in due course on our Understanding Standards website for National 5 and Higher for the:

- ◆ question paper
- ◆ performance

These materials contain examples of candidate assessment evidence and a commentary that explains why the evidence has, or has not, met the required marking criteria. You will be able to access them on SQA's secure site. Centres will be notified once these materials have been published.

2020 Diet — external assessment timetable and year planner

Assessment arrangements

The purpose of assessment arrangements is to provide disabled candidates with an equal opportunity to demonstrate their attainment in an assessment (ie to show the skills, knowledge and understanding they have achieved) without compromising the integrity of the assessment. Candidates are individuals with a diverse range of needs and it is important that you consider the individual assessment needs of your candidates when considering the most appropriate assessment arrangements.

Assessment arrangements can only be requested by the presenting centre (ie schools or colleges). If you have candidates who need assessment arrangements in their external exam (question paper) you must enter the details in the AAR system.

If you are requesting an adapted question paper or a digital question paper you must make your request by 31 January 2020.

For any other assessment arrangements (for example reader, scribe, extra time) you must make your request by 17 April 2020.

If you have candidates who need assessment arrangements in their performance you must submit full details of the proposed arrangement with candidate details for consideration by email to the Assessment Arrangements Team (aarequests@sqa.org.uk) by 31 January 2020. Please note that any proposed assessment arrangement **must be agreed** with the Assessment Arrangements Team before the visiting assessor visits. It is not the role of the visiting assessor to make any decision on assessment arrangements.

For further details, please see the [Assessment Arrangements section](#) of SQA's website.

External assessment timetable and year planner	
31 January 2020	The deadline for requesting adapted or digital question papers is 31 January 2020 . The deadline for requesting assessment arrangements for visiting assessment is 31 January 2020 .
February to April 2020	The visiting assessment period for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Drama will run from 10 February to 24 April 2020 .
7 May 2020 uplift	Advanced Higher coursework: Project–dissertation Assignment
28 May 2020	Exam: National 5 Higher

Advanced Higher

Online resources to help you prepare for Advanced Higher assessment

As part of our Understanding Standards programme, we are providing a range of supportive resources to help you develop your understanding of the standards required in the revised course assessments for Advanced Higher. This includes an audio presentation, published candidate evidence and commentary materials, which we have tailored to meet the needs of each subject.

You can access Understanding Standards materials via the 'Understanding Standards' tab on the [subject pages](#) of our website.

Understanding Standards event

An Understanding Standards event was held in September 2019 focusing on the dissertation, assignment and performance coursework.

This event gave delegates the opportunity to view candidate evidence and to apply the marking criteria before participating in discussion about the national standard. The materials used at these events will be published on the Understanding Standards website in due course.

Units that were previously part of the Advanced Higher courses

The units that were previously part of the Advanced Higher courses are now available as freestanding units at SCQF level 7. These units no longer contribute to the Advanced Higher courses. We have removed references to Advanced Higher courses from the freestanding unit specifications, which are available from the freestanding units web page for each subject. There is a link to the freestanding units page from the 'see also' section on the [subject landing page](#).

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