

National Qualifications Support Team

Computing Science



Action grid from meeting held on 12 September 2014

Ref.	Agenda/minute title	Notes of discussion/action agreed	Action	Date
1	Welcome and introductions	Qualifications Manager Dave Main (DM) welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the NQST.		
2	Roles and remit of NQST confidentiality	DM advised that there will be an annual meeting supplemented with online discussions on the NQST Quickr place — a dedicated secure online forum for this team.		
3	NQST Quickr place demonstration	Qualifications Officer Hilary Cuthbertson (HC) demonstrated the NQST Quickr place.		
4	Diet 2013–14	DM provided an overview of the Course Report for National 5 Computing Science. The report is available on SQA's website. Members requested information on the 2014 grade bandings for N5 Computing Science. DM to share this on the Quickr forum.	DM	Sept 14
5	Verification activity 2013–14	Subject Implementation Manager Raymond Simpson provided an overview of the Key Messages Reports . Members were invited to discuss the approach to verification as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ a central event or visit ◆ a single level or multi-level exercise 		
6	Overview of Understanding Standards activity	DM advised that there will be four Understanding Standards events across the country. Details are available on SQA's website.		

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		The exemplification materials produced will be published on SQA's secure site in due course.		
7	AOB	<p>Members advised that centres were mainly choosing to deliver the 'old' Higher Computing in 2014–15.</p> <p>Members discussed the awareness of colleges with regard to the relationship between National 5 and National 4 (and its Added Value Unit) and how this could be communicated.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to use the forum throughout the year to continue to discuss matters relating to the new NQ Computing Science Courses and their assessment.</p>	All	Ongoing