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Dear Jean,

2025 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

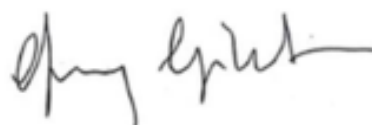
Thank you for your letter of 24 January about the timing of the 2025 exam diet and specifically the issue relating to the increase in the number of coincident and consecutive exams, which I raised in my letter of 17 December.

I am grateful to the SQA for responding positively to my request to explore creative solutions to concerns raised about the impact on learners of a compressed exam timetable. I can see that you have gone to great lengths in revisiting the timetable and am pleased that your efforts have identified a solution that leads to a significant reduction in the number of coincident exams and consecutive exams.

While I understand that changing to the published exam diet timetable at this late stage brings its own challenges, not least to the SQA's own operations, I take assurance from your letter that the changes to the timetable will be to the benefit of learners and that these have the support of the Association of Directors of Education in Scotland (ADES) and School Leaders Scotland (SLS).

Once again, many thanks for your proposed amendments to the 2025 exam diet timetable to improve the experience for pupils, which I fully support.

Yours sincerely,



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