[redacted] **- 20/08 13:47**

Hi - have just seen the enquiry in the box - will pick this up with Donna and Iain - have ack receipt.

[redacted] **- 20/08 13:58**

Just read through it....

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:16**

Do we have someone in Understanding Standards team that can give us numbers of events/support materials and teachers who have engaged with the programme?

RP - 20/08 15:18

[redacted]? I can give her a try.

[redacted]**- 20/08 15:21**

that would be great, thanks, [redacted]

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:40**

I've sent the request to a guy called [redacted] on [redacted] team - asking for the number of users who have accessed our Higher History webinars published since 2024 (those were the only new resources we produced). [redacted] said it should be possible to get the info, but she's had to leave sharp.

[redacted]**– 20/08 15:41**

Thanks, [redacted]

would be good to get the topics covered by the webinars too

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:59**

They're listed here - Higher History - Course overview and resources - Qualifications Scotland - but the sessions were on both the main website, and the US one - [redacted] is pulling the numbers together. (under the US tab)

Higher History - Course overview and resources - Qualifications Scotland

Find Qualifications Scotland Higher History past papers, specimen question papers and course specification and important subject updates.

2911 total downloads of Higher History resources published since 2024 (webinars and accompanying PDFs**)**

Copy of Higher History Downloads.xlsx

[redacted] **- 20/08 16:25**

can we say - almost 3,000 educators have downloaded the Higher History resources, webinars and accompanying documents, since 2024.

Realise some of those will be staff, though.....

[redacted] 20/08 16:35

Since 2024, our Higher History resources, webinars and accompanying documents, covering the question papers and assignment have been downloaded almost 3,000 times.

[redacted] - 20/08 16:35

thinking about over 2,900 rather than almost 3,000

[redacted] - 20/08 16:36

I don't think we can be a 100% that they will all be unique downloads - maybe safer to put it the other way.

[redacted] - 20/08 16:37

Agreed - will go with over 2,900

[redacted] - 20/08 17:08

That's it sent to [redacted] comms - have Cc'd you in.

[redacted] - 20/08 17:10

Many thanks, [redacted]

[redacted] - 20/08 17:25

have gone back to say we'll need until tomorrow to respond

[redacted] - 21/08 10:38

[redacted]

[redacted] - 21/08 10:54

And that's response away to [redacted]

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:20**

Hi [redacted] - hope you're good - quick question - do you know how many folk/ teachers engaged with the additional support / resources put in place for Higher History since 2024? If not, do you know someone who may be able to point me in the right direction?

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:21**

i can get you stats can you send me a link to the material you are meaning or is it just everything we have published for Higher history since 2024

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:23**

yeah, just anything published for Higher History since 2024 please.

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:23**

I am just heading out the door to an appointment but will get them to you tomorrow

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:25**

I kinda need it tonight if possible - its for a media enquiry. Is there anyone else who could help?

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:27**

[redacted] in my team should be able to get you stat from USW but if they have anything on secure we need to go via the web team for stats

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:29**

OK - I'll ping [redacted]. (sorry about the last minute scramble!)

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:30**

its only webinars they have published since 2024

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:30**

The webteam?

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:31**

no [redacted] can get those stats if you let him know its only webinars he needs to look for

will save a bit of time

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:31**

OK - how many folk have accessed the Higher History webinars published since 2024

(that's what I'm asking him for!)

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:32**

yeah all H History webinars published since 2024 stats

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:38**

Hi [redacted] - hope you're well - I've just had a chat with [redacted] who has advised me you might be able to help with a request. I'm looking for stats re. the number of users who have accessed our Higher History webinars published since 2024. Is that something you can help with? I'm looking for it before 5pm if possible.

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:43**

Hi [redacted]. I'll try to get these to you in the next hour. It's a fair bit of work to get the figures as they are published on both the main QS website and the Understanding Standards one.

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:45**

OK - appreciate that [redacted] - it's for a media enquiry I'm afraid, and we've not been given much time to respond. If they're on the main website, would that be something I could ask the Digital team for? If it saves you a job?

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:46**

No, leave this with me. I have access to both.

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:46**

OK - ta

[redacted] **- 20/08 15:49**

There are a bunch of accompanying PDF's also. Do you need the figures on these?

[redacted] **– 20/08 15:49**

If you can.

[redacted] **- 21/08 11:38**

Hiya - It doesn't look like [redacted] works on a Friday - is Iain about?

Donna Stewart (DS) Chief Qualifications and Examinations Officer - 21/08 11:39

Iain is on A/L, [redacted] so I've asked [redacted] to see what she can find. Could you link in with her to follow up? I'm going to check if anything has come into corp office.

[redacted] **- 21/08 11:40**

OK

DS - 21/08 11:51

[redacted] has confimed that no enquiries in relation to HH have come in to corp office.

What we wont know is if any emails have come to [redacted] e directly, Or Iain

[redacted] **- 21/08 11:52**

[redacted] can't see any open queries, but she's away to ask a QC to see if there's a way to access any closed ones.

DS - 21/08 13:30

When do we expect the story to run. Tomorrow?

[redacted] **- 21/08 13:34**

I suspect so, but hard to say. [redacted] and I were having a chat. With the noon deadline, it could go on the website later today. It could also be a front-page tomorrow. It's hard to tell with The Herald.

DS - 21/08 13:43

Thanks - appears to be related FB post from one individual.

[redacted] **- 21/08 13:46**

Ah - any way to get a screengrab?

DS - 21/08 14:19

Not sure we want one tbh. Could you possibly send our response over to your SG counterparts and copy [redacted] in. I've briefed [redacted] in case anything comes to them over the weekend. METIS is called out and they own that.

[redacted] **- 21/08 14:34**

I gave SG comms a heads-up yesterday. Will let them know what we went back with.

DS - 21/08 14:38

Thanks v much. I gave Shirley a heads up too.

[redacted] **- 24/08 11:10**

Morning - just a note to say that there hasn't been any further pick-up of the Herald's story from Saturday. [redacted] is checking in with the Enquiry team to see if there were any approaches we missed.

DS - 24/08 11:20

Brilliant - thank you

[redacted] - 27/08 11:34

More Higher History stuff incoming...

DS - 27/08 11:47

[redacted]

[redacted] - 27/08 11:49

Yup - and I've now been sent two complaints that have been received by the Quals Team outlining views from a parent, and one from a school that candidates have lost marks and grades as result of the change in marking approach.

DS - 27/08 11:52

The gift that just keeps on giving.

[redacted] - 27/08 12:28

It looks like comments from the marking team on the SATH FB page are being shared - the parent mentions it in their complaint email. Is there typically an audit trail for changes to marking instructions? Do you want me to give the QO a shout?

DS - 28/08 08:35

Would you mind [redacted] - it's [redacted]

[redacted] 28/08 09:30

Morning - Doesn't look like the piece has ran today. Still want me to give [redacted] a shout?

DS - 28/08 09:31

Just leave it just now - thanks any way. I'll link in with Iain.

[redacted] - 28/08 09:32

i suspect a FOI will be coming.

DS - 28/08 09:32

great.....

Happy Friday!

RP - 28/08 09:32

isn't it just!

[redacted] **- 21/08 11:41**

Hiya - looks like you've got the shitey end of the stick today... let me know if you manage to find anything re. History. I'm about if you need to talk.

[redacted] **- 21/08 11:46**

Hello! it's no probs! I can't find anything on Ivanti though - do you know if there is anywhere else it could be? what is it about in case there are keywords that might help

[redacted] **- 21/08 11:47**

Can I call?

[redacted] **- 21/08 11:47**

sure!

hey can I call you back?

[redacted] **- 21/08 12:12**

here's the inbox address - To: Higher History <higher.history@sqa.org.uk>

Not sure if it was updated following the transition

[redacted] **21/08 12:13**

awww fab thanks so much - I've updated [redacted] with that and asked for you or/and me to get access? That ok?

[redacted] **- 21/08 15:19**

things improved any?

[redacted] **- 21/08 15:31**

We're not going back with any more info / replies today. We can't be certain that there hasn't been an approach received somewhere - chances are there hasn't, but we've been stung in the past by making that assumption. Donna said there's a comment on FB somewhere, and that's probably where it all stems from.

[redacted] **- 21/08 15:32**

seems safest. Urgh, what an absolute bummer, I hope it all turns out ok.

Good to catch up though and have a good weekend!

[redacted] **- 21/08 15:33**

Think we're going to take a hit on it tomorrow.

Thanks for your help! Good to see you too!

[redacted] **21/08 15:34**

Aw gawd. It's horrid isn't it. I've said to [redacted] QO to call if he wants to chat or is worried/needs a hand etc while she isn't here. I feel for them both. Happy to help, anytime

[redacted] **- 21/08 15:44**

Cheers [redacted] - Thanks for reaching our to [redacted]. I suspect he'll have been overlooked a little. We kinda need to get right to the bottom of this stuff, but it's very difficult when no-one who was in the room is here.

[redacted] - 21/08 16:46

Hey just to say Iain's online btw if you need him

[redacted] 21/08 16:47

OK - thanks - I've not heard anything back from Donna, so I'm assuming we're still not saying anything else today.

[redacted] – 21/08 16:48

[redacted]

[redacted] - 21/08 16:48

See you laters!

[redacted] – 24/08 10:19

Morning - just to say The Herald ran it's piece on Saturday. It doesn't look like anyone else has picked it up, and it's hardly had any comments - dunno if there's been any further chat at your end.

[redacted] – 24/08 10:35

Aw they are outrageous - and obsessed. It's just quite dangerous isn't it. Not heard anything else, the enquiries team messaged this morning after them all being off on Friday so I said to them to have another look just in case

[redacted] - 27/08 11:35

There's more Higher History stuff incoming... just in-case you get dragged in again...

[redacted] 27/08 11:49

Aw dear god, what's happened????

[redacted] - 27/08 12:25

Have sent Iain a wee text for heads up. Let me know if you want me to give [redacted] shout.

[redacted] - 27/08 12:26

He's been Cc'd in the info from [redacted], so is hopefully aware - might reach out to him in a tick.

[redacted] - 27/08 12:26

fab, stay strong!

[redacted] - 01/09 11:51

How're things going?

[redacted] - 01/09 12:05

Herald back on this morning - they've now got political parties criticising us - we're sticking with our response stating the following...

"A Qualifications Scotland spokesperson said: "Higher History in 2026 performed as intended, with a slight improvement on A-C attainment."

[redacted] - 01/09 12:15

Oh great, good to be able to give a full and detailed response

[redacted] - 02/09 09:23

Herald hasn't ran it's article yet - likely to be holding it for a quieter day...

[redacted] **- 27/08 15:59**

Hi Iain - any joy with the response?

Iain Morrison (IM) Head of Humanities, Care and Services - 27/08 16:09

I will chase Donna now.

IM - 27/08 16:30

I see John B has come back...

[redacted] **- 27/08 16:30**

Yeah, I've got it. Just spoken to J and D - I'm going back to The Herald with that.

[redacted] **- 01/09 10:54**

Hi [redacted], we have another Higher History enquiry today, has there been any comms issued by your team?

[redacted] **- 01/09 10:56**

No, the only response we've given out was to The Herald... See below....

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A Qualifications Scotland spokesperson said: “Higher History in 2026 performed as intended, with a slight improvement on A-C attainment.”

ENDS

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I suspect that won't fly for the enquiries from centres!

[redacted] **- 01/09 10:57**

Thanks [redacted] I will try to hasten Donna and Iain on the others from centres

[redacted] **- 01/09 10:57**

Yeah, it definitely needs their input!