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To: The Principals of Post-primary Schools and Directors of Institutes of Further and Higher Education  
For circulation to: The Head of the Technology and Design Department

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## Revised GCE Technology and Design

### Assessment of Quality of Written Communication (QWC) within externally assessed units

As part of the A Level revision process awarding bodies were directed by the regulator (QCA) to assess the Quality of Written Communication within candidate responses to questions within externally assessed units.

Following feedback from teachers at the recent GCE Support events the examining teams have been asked to give more candidates more direction as to when Quality of Written Communication (QWC) is assessed within question papers.

Centers should note that the specific questions that assess QWC will be noted in the rubric at the front of each paper and candidates should be directed to read this page carefully.

From summer 2010:

Centers should note that the number of marks awarded for QWC will be also be indicated in the allocation of marks along the right hand side of the page in the paper.

E.g. QWC [1]

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