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Changes to Drama Examinations

No major changes have been announced to-date in Higher Drama for the forthcoming examinations diet of 2011.

As we noted last year, there were **changes to the way centres are asked to submit estimates**, with a change to a 50:50 split between the question paper and the acting exam (previously 60:40). **No changes were made to the Arrangements documents, Course content or examination procedures or processes.** Marks for both parts should simply be arithmetically scaled before submission to the SQA. *Further details in SQA update letter of 26/2/2009.*

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- 4 P&N welcomed the overall document and in particular Para 6.2. This stated that *'the use of these question papers is both convenient to centres and acceptable to SQA—provided that [SQA] guidance on validity, reliability and security is adhered to.'*

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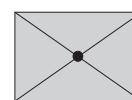
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