

# National Qualifications

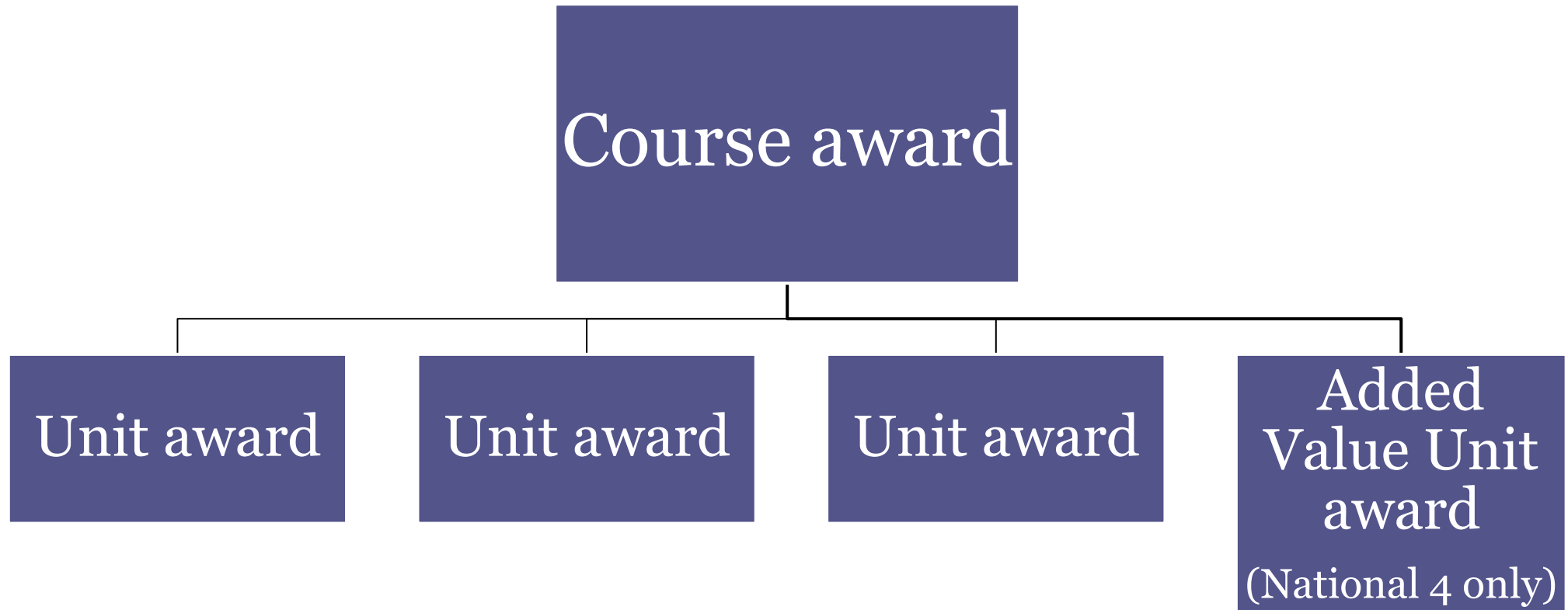
Dingwall Academy

<u>Benchmarking</u>	<u>Old Qualification</u>		<u>New CfE Qualifications</u>
SCQF 7	Advanced Higher	→	New Advanced Higher
SCQF 6	Higher	→	New Higher
SCQF 5	Standard Grade Credit / Int. 2	→	National 5
SCQF 4	Standard Grade General / Intermediate 1	→	National 4
SCQF 3	Standard Grade Foundation / Access 3	→	National 3

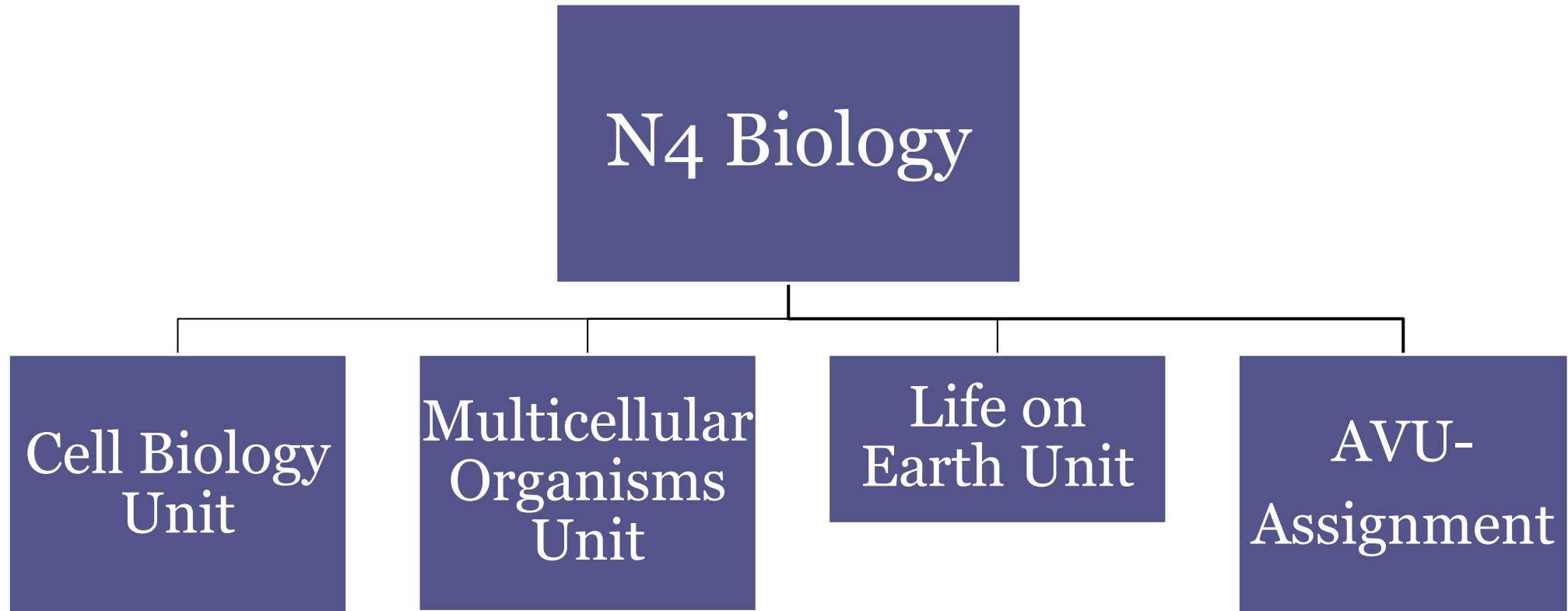
# National 3 & National 4

- Consists of two or three **units plus Added Value Unit**
- The units are **assessed within the class**
- **No external exam**
- Pupils **must pass all units**
- **Pass/Fail**

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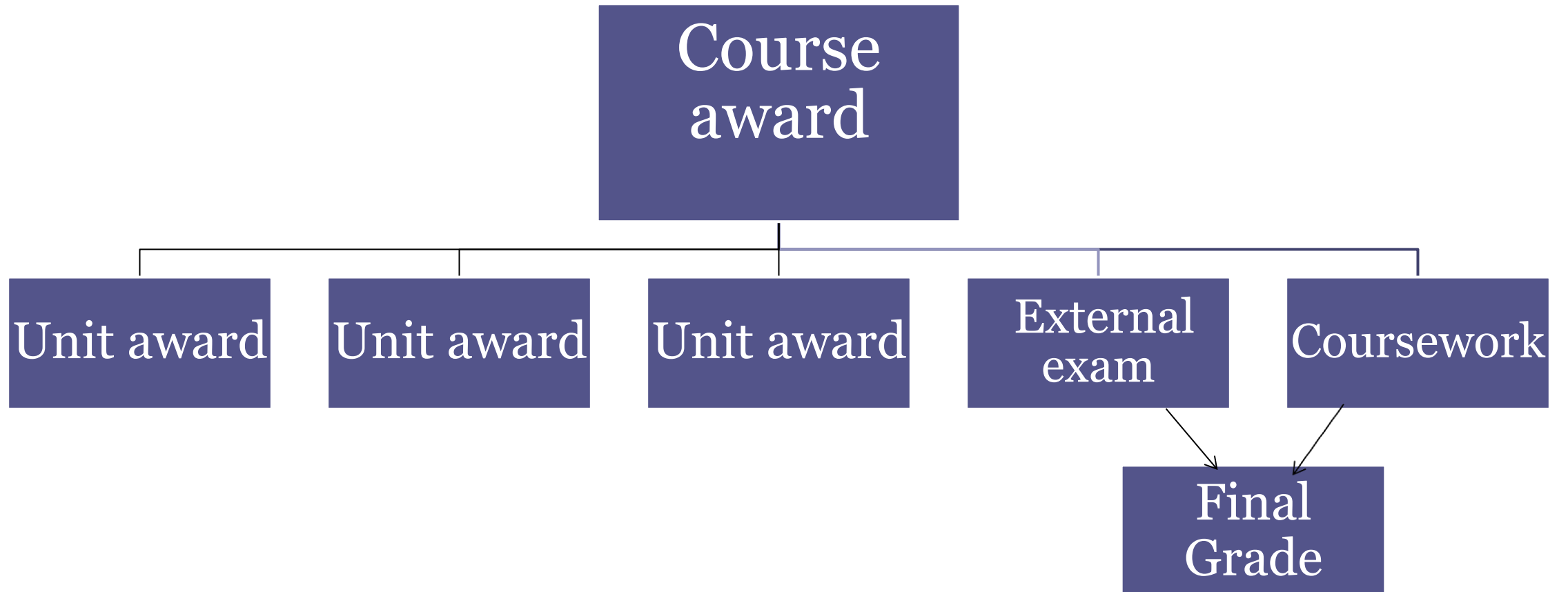
# Higher & AH

- Consist of two or three **units plus course assessment (e.g. exam plus coursework)**.
- Units = **assessed within the class** (subject to verification)
- Course assessment = **externally assessed** (exceptions apply)

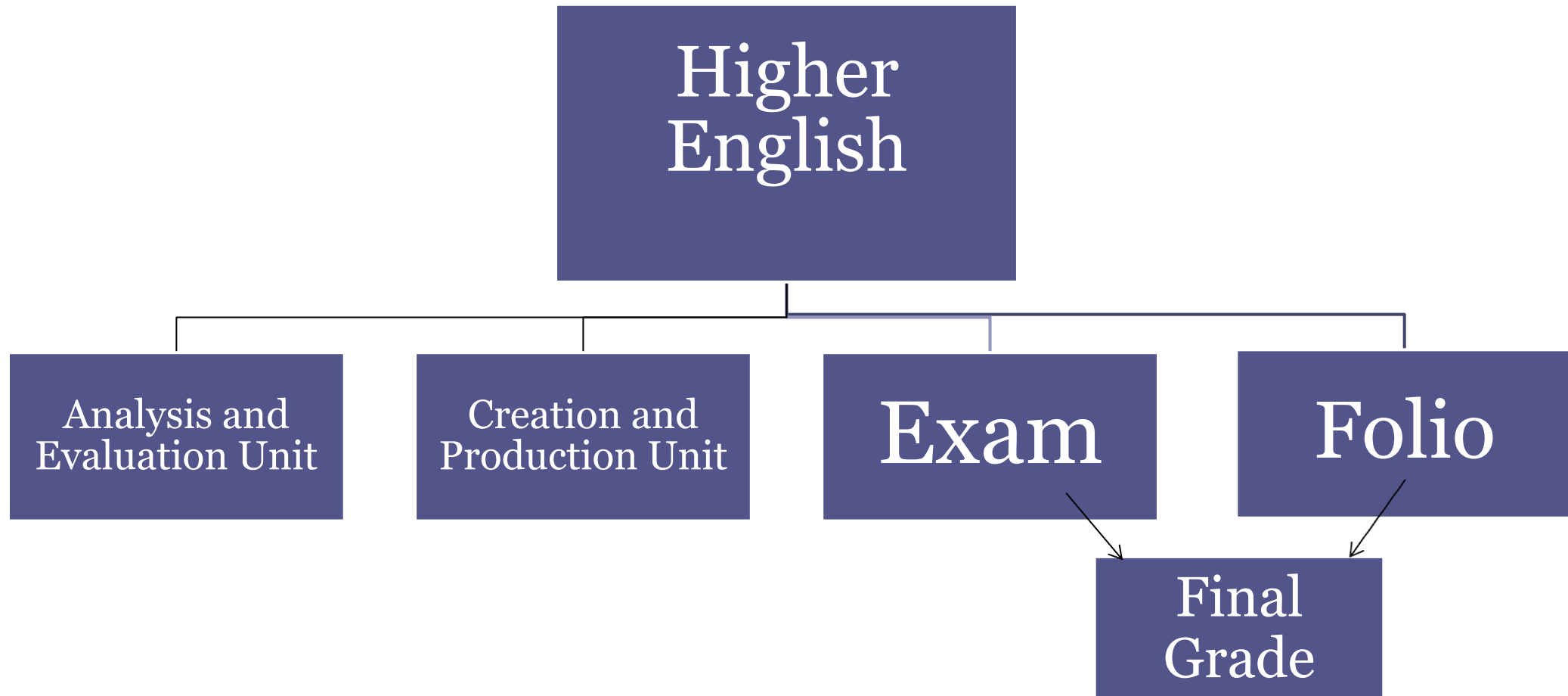
**Exam + coursework = Final grade**

**A - D or No Award**

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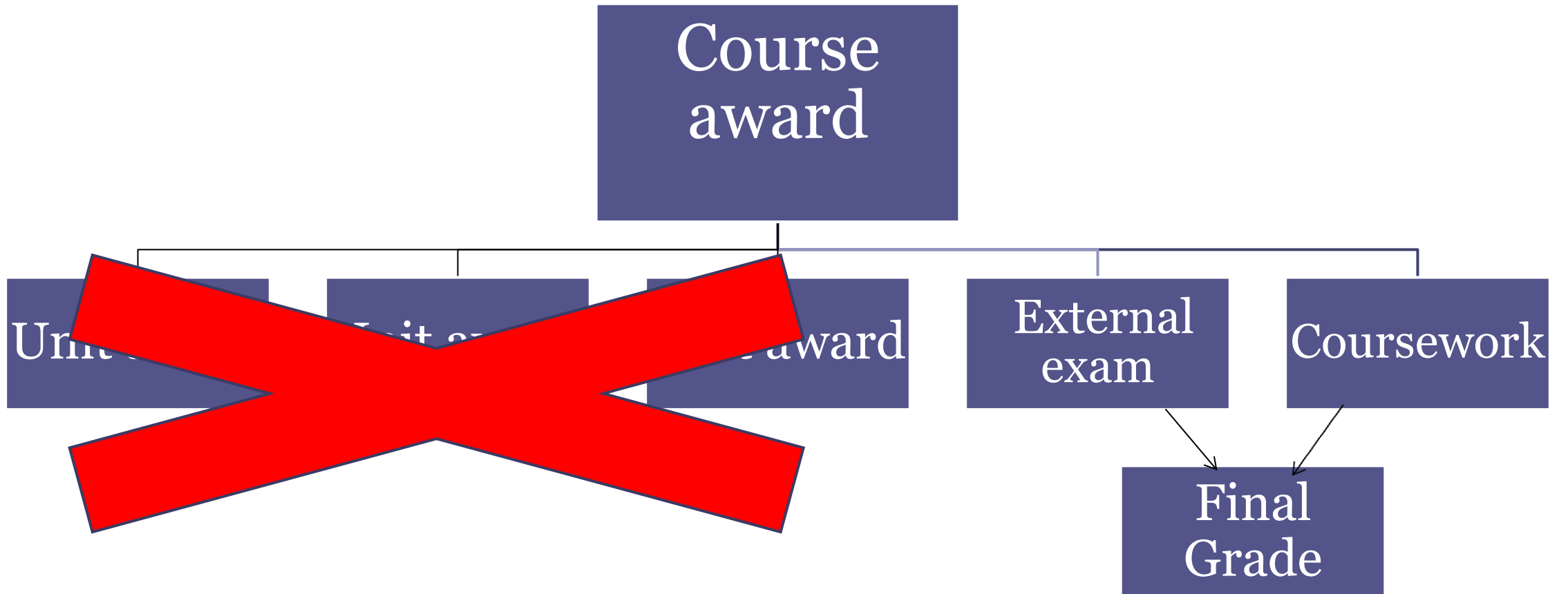




# Importance of Internal Unit Assessments

- To ensure candidates have achieved minimum competency & to support learning
- Cannot gain course award without them
- Two attempts to pass(third in exceptional circumstances)
- Problems with rescheduling due to absence
- What happens if a pupil doesn't achieve the internal assessments?

# N5 Course

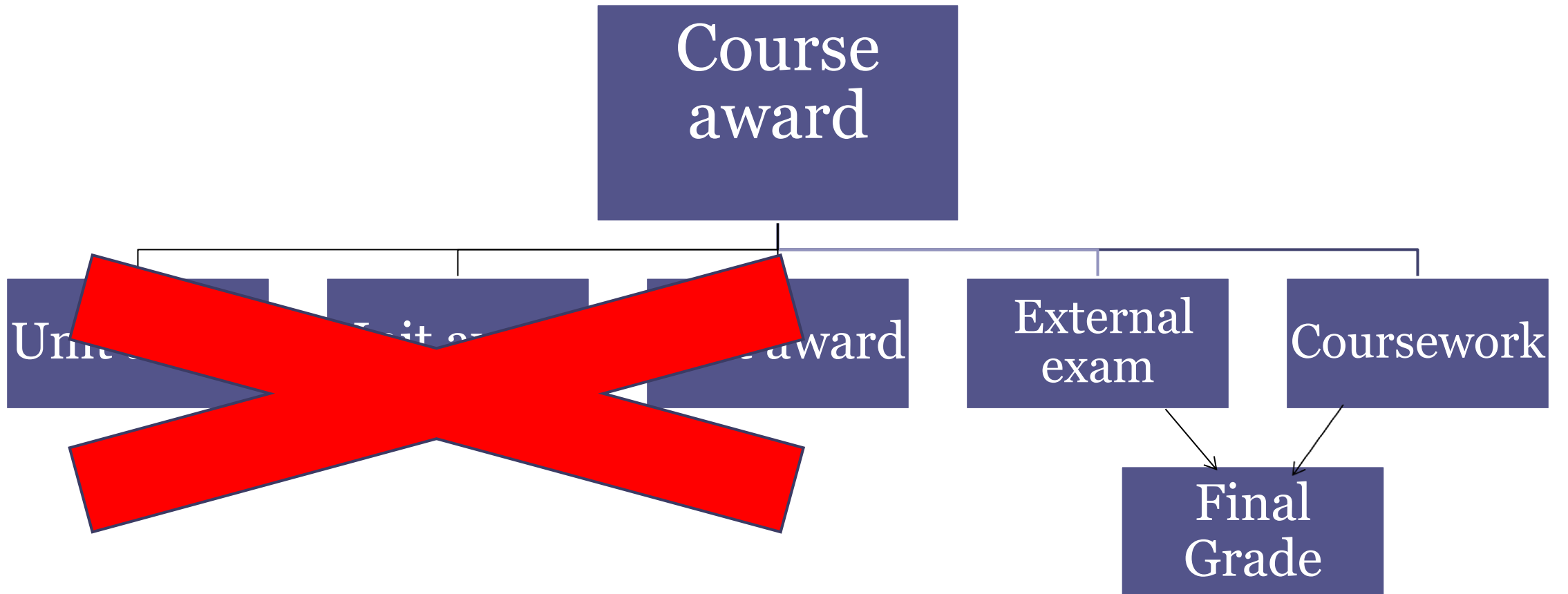


# Why has N5 changed?

*‘The removal of mandatory unit assessments has the distinct purpose of reducing the amount of assessment experienced by young people taking national qualifications and the workload created as a result of administering the units.’*

- Scottish Government Policy Statement, March 2017

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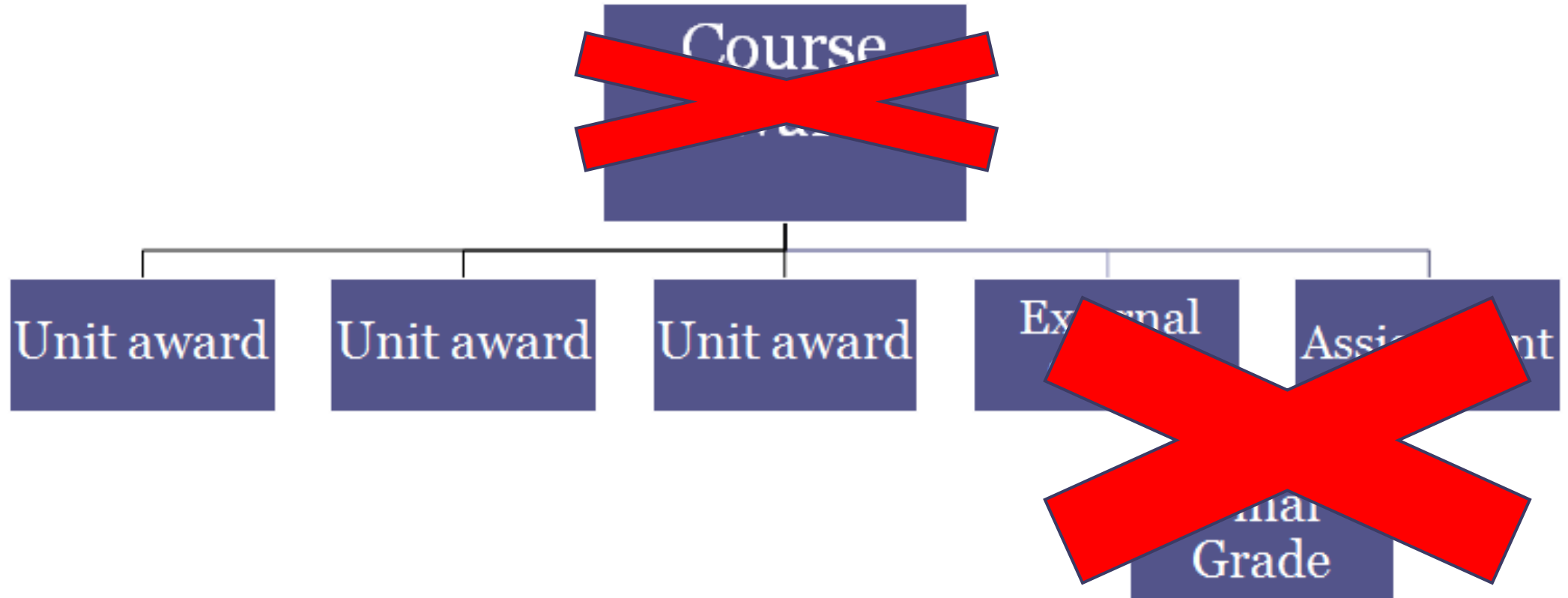


# Changes to Exam/Coursework

- extension of the existing question paper
- extension of the existing item of coursework
- new question paper
- new item of coursework

**D = 40 – 49%**

# N5 Units



# N5 Units Only

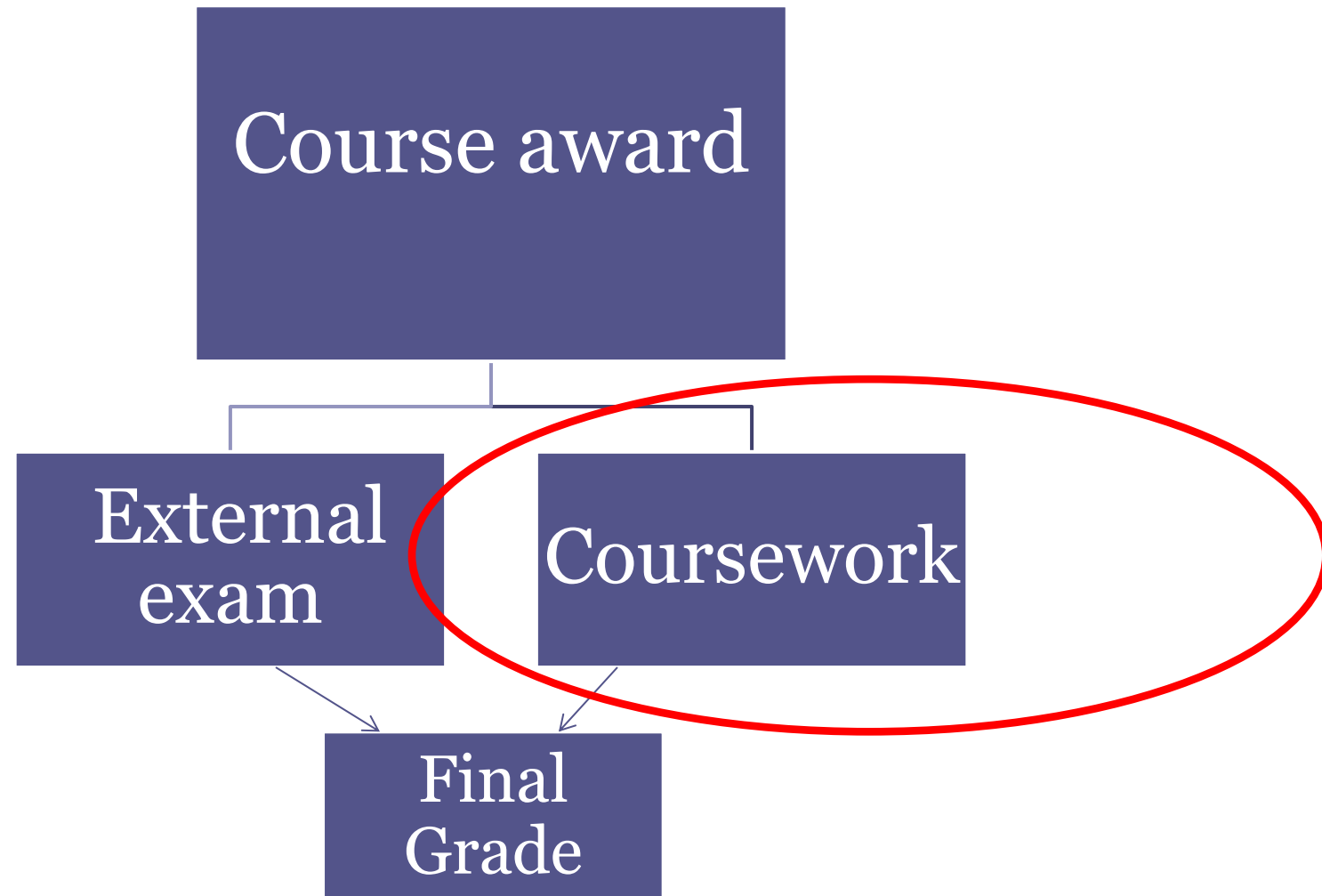
- SCQF5
- Stand alone units
- Internally assessed
- No final exam
- Not graded

## Why would a pupil be entered for Units only?

- Need more challenge than N4 but not at N5 exam level
- Not coping with demands of course
- No fall back if they failed exam
- No N4 available

**Parents will be informed by letter.**





# Assignments/folios

English folio	30%
History Assignment	20%
Chemistry Assignment	20%
Art portfolio	80%
Graphics Assignment	33%

# Assignments/Folios

- Know what's required of you
- Ask what feedback you can get
- Know your deadlines & plan ahead
- Stick to your deadlines

**TASK – What assignments/folios will you have to submit this year?**

**SQA**

# Prelims

**15<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Timetables issued in December

Importance:

- Accurate gauge of how a pupil is performing at that point
- Highlights areas of strength/weakness
- “Dress rehearsal” for real exams
- Used for SQA estimate grades

# National Exams 2018

- Begin on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018
- Finish on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2018
- Study leave details TBC
- Individual Timetables issued in April

# Results Service

➤ **Exceptional Circumstances**

*Before results are published*

➤ **Post Results Review Service**

*After results have been published*

# Exceptional Circumstances

There must be a fundamental disadvantage affecting exam day:

- Personal circumstances:
  - bereavement
  - medical (not common cold, sore head etc)
  - domestic
- Examination circumstances:
  - incorrect assessment arrangements
  - extreme disruption



# Post Results Service

If pupil's results are markedly at odds with estimated grade/overall performance, school can request:

➤ **Clerical check**

Check that marks tally and the correct total is entered

➤ **Marking review**

Clerical check plus Senior Examiner remarks paper

# Further Information

- ***Assessment in a Nutshell*** - overview of new qualifications
  - [http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/a/genericresource\\_tcm4828401.asp](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/a/genericresource_tcm4828401.asp)
- ***Nationals in a Nutshell*** – subject specific information
  - <http://www.npfs.org.uk/nationals-in-a-nutshell/>
- ***SQA.org.uk*** – Detailed information on all aspects of new qualifications
  - <http://www.sqa.org.uk/>