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Dear Ms Snaith and Ms Basciani

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the 2025 SQA examination timetable and for highlighting your concerns regarding the scheduling of Higher English and Higher Psychology on 7 May.

Following feedback on the timetable and the impact on learners, we have today published an updated examination timetable. The updated timetable is now available on our website. The update includes the change you requested, namely that Higher English and Higher Psychology are now scheduled on different days to reduce the impact on learners.

An additional day has been added to the timetable which means that exams will now start on Friday 25 April. Adding the extra day should help to reduce logistical challenges, including assessment arrangements for pupils who require additional support.

We have discussed the revised timetable with School Leaders Scotland (SLS) and the Association of Directors of Education Scotland (ADES), and all parties agree that the updated timetable will be an overall benefit to learners and centres.

We hope you find this information helpful and agree that these changes are in the best interest of learners

Yours sincerely,



Jean Blair  
Director of Operations