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Only three Centres chose to submit work for moderation, with a total entry of about 120 candidates. The centres presented work for Coursework units B952, B954 and Teacher Assessed unit B958.

In all three cases, tasks were on the whole well thought-out and addressed the intentions and objectives of the Units. The Teacher-assessed portfolio demonstrated a good range of activities. There was evidence that candidates at all three centres were well aware of the expectations of their course and were able to show their knowledge and understanding of the topics chosen. Some re-thinking of task wording in some cases would help direct candidates towards addressing the objectives. In unit B958 it is important to complete both stages of the task.

Many responses were well-written and made effective use of sources to support their answers, although source evaluation was sometimes repetitive and conventional. There was no evidence, on this entry, that centres were using the course as a sub-GCSE alternative for less able candidates; indeed, nearly all the work seen was comparable with GCSE standards.

Work was clearly-presented, timely and helpfully annotated.

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