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Changes in the regulations governing the Honour School of Literae Humaniores: 
communication from the Board of the Faculty of Classics

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Brief description of the change: Change to rules on Course II students being able to offer Ancient History period papers as non-text-based papers.

With effect from 1 October 2014

In Examination Regulations 2013, p.302, l.12, after ‘at least one as text-based.’ insert: ‘Course IIA candidates taking periods I.5 and I.6 must offer them as text-based papers; Course IIB candidates taking periods I.1-I.4 must offer them as text-based papers. Course II candidates may not offer more than one period paper as non-text-based.’

Explanatory notes

This change corrects an anomaly whereby course IIA/IIB students are currently able to study any of the Ancient History options I.1 - I.6 as either text-based or non-text-based, while course IB/IC students must offer them as text-based. The Faculty considers this to be iniquitous, as students on courses IB and IIB will have had equal experience of studying Greek since their arrival at Oxford, and likewise students on courses IC and IIA will have had equal experience of studying Latin. Under the new regulation, course IIA and IIB students will only be able to offer one of these options as non-text-based, and this alternative will only be available for those options involving texts in the language they have not studied at Mods.