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***Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC level 2 Technical Diploma in Design
Production***

Dear Matthew

As an employer in garment manufacturing and a quality training provider in the creative industries, we believe that there are some excellent units here for the manufacturing and design industry.

Pearson BTEC level 2 Technical Diploma in Design Production

We believe that this qualification will provide learners with specialist knowledge, and give them opportunities to develop the skills and behaviours, that employers in the creative industries are looking for, particularly in the area of garment design and construction. However the qualification needs to be specific to the industry and therefore I hope to seek clarification that the jobs for Pre – Press technician, Type Setter and Printer are covered by the qualification as they are different to the skills required for garment manufacturing and design.

The qualification facilitates the learner in demonstrating relevant skills, behaviours and knowledge of design that supports progress to employment in a range of job roles and apprenticeships within the occupational group Design Occupations. The roles that could be facilitated are:

Design Studio Assistant
Junior Designer
Trainee Machinist
Trainee Production Assistant

The qualification will benefit the individual, should they choose to progress into further training via a level 3 qualification and is a good preparation for either progression route such as the level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship in Apparel and Footwear (Garment Technology Pathway) which Fashion Enter is currently the key provider for in the country.

I am happy for Pearson to use this letter as a guide for its work with government and its agencies, to ensure that this qualification can continue to be recognised as beneficial in the context of college and training provider performance tables and 19+ funding.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JH' followed by a stylized flourish.

Jenny Holloway
Director