

Danielle Clarke  
Business Manager Land-based  
Pearson  
One90 High Holborn  
London  
WC1V 7BH

23 April 2018

Dear Danielle

**Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Blacksmithing**

As an experienced working smith in this sector, I recognise the following qualifications as being most fit for purpose:

- BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Blacksmithing

The qualification will support learners to progress to employment or within employment in a range of job roles across the industry, for example as Artistic and Decorative Blacksmith, Bladesmith, Farrier, Welder and Fabricator and General blacksmithing and repair worker.

For such roles, I believe that these qualifications provide an appropriate level of knowledge and skills, meeting the needs of the business and the individual, ensuring employees are appropriately skilled for the job and able to deliver to the standard that the sector expects.

The qualification will also support the individual, should they chose to progress in to further training.

I am happy for Pearson to use this letter in support of its work with government and its agencies, to ensure that this invaluable qualification can continue to be recognised for college performance tables and 19+ funding.

Yours sincerely,

Hector Cole MBE FWCB

Hector Cole MBE, The Mead, Great Somerford, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 5JB  
Tel. 01666 825794  
Email. [hectorcole@lineone.net](mailto:hectorcole@lineone.net)  
[www.hectorcoleironwork.com](http://www.hectorcoleironwork.com)