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Dear Danielle

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

My name is James Spedding and I am one of the partners in the Holkham Forge business. We are a partnership of 3 creating bespoke hot forged sculptural work in a 19th century working forge. We have been consulted on and given feedback on the creation of the new qualification and are thrilled to be able to forward our ongoing support.

As an employer in the sector, we recognise the following qualifications as being 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, we 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.

We are 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

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