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Dear Danielle

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

Topp & Co is a major player in the architectural metalworking industry. Our workforce is called upon to carry out a diverse range of craft skills ranging from forge work, through to high precision engineering work in all metals from wrought iron through to bronze and stainless steel. Our activities cover all aspects from conservation of high-grade listed historic ironwork to the creation of new artwork.

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 choose 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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