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Lesley Davies OBE  
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Dear Lesley Davies,

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

As an employer in the sector, we confirm that this qualification will provide learners with specialist knowledge and will give them the opportunities to develop the skills and behaviours that employers in the industry are looking for:

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Laboratory Science

The qualification ensures that the learner can demonstrate relevant skills, behaviours and knowledge of the industry to progress to employment in a range of occupational areas across the industry, such as:

Health science laboratory assistant  
Pharmaceutical laboratory assistant  
Food science laboratory assistant  
Pharmacy laboratory assistant  
Biochemistry laboratory assistant  
And many other areas that I am not involved in.

We are at present setting up an apprenticeship scheme and if any candidate applied with this qualification we would be impressed, the width of the diploma is remarkable, to many laboratories train new recruits in a very narrow specialist area important to them but leaving the person without a broad based knowledge of working in science, this would give them that knowledge.

The qualification will also support the individual, should they chose to progress to further training via a level 3 qualification or an apprenticeship, and is a good preparation for either progression route.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clive Daws', written over a horizontal line.

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