

## Statement of Purpose

### 500/6668/7 – Pearson BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Construction (QCF)

#### Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is a Technical Award within a suite of BTECs in the construction sector, and is broadly equivalent in size to three GCSEs. It is designed for pre-16 students working at level 1 who want to include an in-depth study of construction in their broader Key Stage 4 curriculum. It provides an introduction to many of the key themes within the sector, enabling students to develop and apply their knowledge while also acquiring a range of relevant practical, communication and technical skills.

#### What will the student study as part of this qualification?

This qualification provides an engaging and in depth coverage of the world of construction. The construction sector covers a wide range of activities, and so the choice of units available enables the precise nature of the qualification to be tailored to meet the interests and progression aspirations of individual groups of students. Students can start to learn the basics of many of the practical skills needed in the industry, selected from the following: bricklaying, carpentry, joinery, plumbing, plastering, electrical installation, painting, decorating, drawing and building maintenance. There are also opportunities to understand more about what it means to work as part of a team, and to work safely.

#### What knowledge and skills will the student develop as part of this qualification and how might these be of use and value in further studies?

By developing the sector knowledge and skills outlined above, students will be particularly well prepared for progression to a level 2 vocational course in construction.

The portfolio-based approach to assessment also supports the development of communication skills such as extended writing and drafting, critical skills of analysis, team-working, working from a prescribed brief, working to deadlines, presenting information effectively, accurately completing tasks and processes and study skills such as research and time management. The range of activities undertaken provides opportunities for students to apply and enhance these skills in a wide range of contexts. This will help support progression to level 2 and any future chosen course.

#### Which subjects will complement this course?

This qualification is designed to be taken as part of a broad and balanced curriculum at Key Stage 4. It will go well alongside GCSEs in EBacc subjects (including mathematics and science), other GCSEs or Technical Awards in practical subjects (such as art and design, IT/computing or design and technology) to provide both curriculum breadth and the skills needed to make informed choices about study post-16.

#### Why choose the Diploma sized qualification in Construction?

Pearson offers Awards, Certificates, Extended Certificates and Diplomas in the Construction sector at level 1. The range of sizes is designed to meet the needs and interests of students; some may need an introduction to the sector through an Award sized qualification while others who have already developed an interest in the vocational area should choose the Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma. Learners should choose the Diploma sized

qualification if they have a strong interest in potential employment in Construction and need to master the basic underpinning principles and skills required for progression to the next level.

The Diploma enables learners to develop an in-depth understanding and skills in the construction sector while contributing to their broader KS4 curriculum.