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600/6312/9 – Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care
601/0170/2 – Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Health and Social Care

Dear Deidre,

From my perspective (and potentially to support the qualifications being kept on the performance tables):

- They are a useful alternative to an academic pathway – pure A levels
- They can be industry specific and give students a better understanding and therefore prepare students for work in the area
- As an employer I do shortlist students who have these qualifications
- They enable a student to further their education at school or college if they aren't ready (for whatever reason) to go straight into a job
- They help young people make appropriate and more informed choices about future careers and educational pathways
- They are delivered at schools, academies and colleges where students can feel comfortable and provide a similar route to what is available in different sectors
- Potentially they can help students access higher education if they are recognised by those HEIs and are not viewed as 'second class' to A levels

Thank you,

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