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Dear James,

**Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate and Diploma in Information and Creative Technology**

As an employer in the sector, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose:

600/6072/4 - Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Information and Creative Technology

601/0169/6 - Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Information and Creative Technology

The qualifications when achieved at level 2 will support learners to progress to employment or within employment in a range of job roles across the industry, such as IT Helpdesk support, Hardware installation and maintenance, Software installation and support, and network support, data base design, Business Intelligence, Unified Communications implementation, Web design, app creation, game creation, coding

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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