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Dear James

**Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Firsts in Music**

As the leading professional body in the sector, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose:

*601/0260/3 Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Music*

*601/0261/5 Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Music*

The qualifications when achieved at level 2 will support learners to progress to employment or within employment in a wide range of job roles across the music industry, for example in performance, production, technical support, stage operations, venue crew, music promotion and retail/sales.

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.

Chief Executive:  
Deborah Annetts

We have additionally consulted on these proposals with members of our Educators Special Interest Group who have also supported this position.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Vann". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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