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Dear Mr Bristow

I am writing with regard to our recent correspondence and the assessment of the various BTEC qualifications (see Appendix) against our standard admissions requirements.

I can confirm that we continue to consider these qualifications for entry to many of our undergraduate degree programmes, but in some cases we expect candidates to also offer other qualifications and/or achieve specific levels of attainment in pre-requisite subjects, or units. For example, the standard admissions requirements for the majority of our Engineering undergraduate degrees ask applicants who are studying a BTEC Extended Diploma to also offer an A level in Mathematics.

The University of Sheffield's standard admissions requirements expect all undergraduate applicants to offer three full A Levels or an accepted equivalent qualification with the same volume of study and, where appropriate, adequate coverage of pre-requisite material.

In this case, the BTEC Extended Diploma as offered by Pearson provides the equivalent volume of study to three A levels.

Applicants offering the BTEC Extended Diploma must ensure that they are studying a subject that is relevant to the particular degree course. Further information is

published on UCAS Course Search or via our online prospectus (www.sheffield.ac.uk/prospectus).

Applicants should also meet any pre-requisite subject demands for each degree course.

Candidates Offering the BTEC Level 3 Certificate, Diploma, Subsidiary Diploma or 90-credit Diploma:

Candidates offering these qualifications (in combination with others) are considered for entry to many of our undergraduate degree programmes.

We consider BTEC National Certificate or Diploma where taken alongside one, and the Subsidiary Diploma and 90-credit Diploma where taken alongside two, of our acceptable A Level subjects.¹ We also advise applicants to avoid combinations of similar subjects in their BTECs and A Levels.

As I advised earlier, applicants should always visit our online prospectus or UCAS Course Search to ascertain if our entry requirements make any additional pre-requisite subject demands, or ask for specific levels of attainment as part of standard admissions requirements for each course.

Finally, the following web page provides an overview of our standard admissions requirements and also links to our Student Admissions Policy.

<http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/requirements>

I hope that the information I have provided is of value to you at this time.

I am happy for this letter to be made public on the DfE and Pearson websites to confirm our support for the qualifications.

Yours sincerely

¹ Our list of acceptable A level subjects is published here: www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/policies/alevel.html



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Appendix: List of BTEC Level 3 Subjects

500/8156/1 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Engineering (QCF)

500/7841/0 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Engineering (QCF)

600/3888/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Engineering (QCF)

500/8154/8 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Engineering (QCF)

500/8165/2 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering (QCF)

500/7799/5 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering (QCF)

500/7800/8 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering (QCF)

500/8098/2 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Electrical/Electronic Engineering (QCF)

500/8097/0 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Electrical/Electronic Engineering (QCF)

500/7319/9 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering (QCF)

500/7314/X - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering (QCF)

500/7283/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (QCF)

500/7296/1 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (QCF)

500/7315/1 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Operations and Maintenance Engineering (QCF)

500/7317/5 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Operations and Maintenance Engineering (QCF)

500/8099/4 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance (QCF)

500/7713/2 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Law (QCF)

500/7719/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Law (QCF)

500/6726/6 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)

500/6725/4 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)

600/5849/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)

500/6673/0 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)

500/6720/5 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)

500/9939/5 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science (QCF)

500/6748/5 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Business (QCF)

500/6750/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Business (QCF)

600/3889/5 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Business (QCF)

500/6747/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Business (QCF)

500/6746/1 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business (QCF)

500/7714/4 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Personal and Business Finance (QCF)

500/7712/0 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Personal and Business Finance (QCF)

500/6245/1 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Understanding Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)

601/0501/X - Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)

500/6246/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)

601/0502/1 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)

500/1814/0 - Pearson Level 3 BTEC National Award in Children's Care, Learning and Development

500/1813/9 - Pearson Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Children's Care, Learning and Development

500/1812/7 - Pearson Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development

600/5536/4 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development

600/5535/2 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development

600/5537/6 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development

600/5538/8 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development

600/5933/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development

500/7138/5 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment (QCF)

500/7140/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (QCF)

601/1095/8 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (QCF)

500/7137/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (QCF)

500/7139/7 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (QCF)

500/9148/7 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in IT (QCF)

500/9147/5 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in IT (QCF)

600/3887/1 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in IT (QCF)

500/9150/5 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in IT (QCF)

500/9149/9 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT (QCF)

500/7718/1 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Music (QCF)

500/7844/6 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Music (QCF)

600/6682/9 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Music (QCF)

500/7871/9 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Music (QCF)

500/7717/X - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music (QCF)

600/0319/4 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Environmental Sustainability (QCF)

600/0321/2 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Environmental Sustainability (QCF)

600/0324/8 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Environmental Sustainability (QCF)

600/0320/0 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Environmental Sustainability (QCF)