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Dear Dr Softley

As you know the Society of Biology is working on a project to map qualifications against the competency requirements for RSciTech (Registered Science Technician), to build a database of qualifications for use by members and potential members.

Through this mapping exercise, we have identified that some of the competencies of the RSciTech are met through the following qualifications:

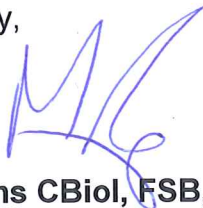
500/6725/4- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)
600/5849/3- Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)
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Consequently, we recognise that these qualifications develop and confirm the application of certain specialist skills, knowledge and understanding in the sector to a standard that can be reasonably expected of an 18 year old in full time education.

The qualifications will give students an advantage when applying for related jobs, apprenticeships or training.

I am happy for this organisation's name and website address to be made available on the DfE and Pearson websites to confirm our recognition of these qualifications.

Yours sincerely,



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