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Dear James

Letter of support for the *Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Science*

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

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science

The qualifications will support learners to progress to employment or within employment in a range of job roles across the industry, for example in our laboratories or in a field based role in water treatment

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.

We particularly welcome the wide range of options available to learners for the 1080 Extended Diploma, including Biomedical Science as this will benefit them, by giving them the wide overview of the sector that we value. Skills in Biomedical science are in wide demand outside the NHS in laboratories doing associated testing such as the water microbiology that we undertake at Feedwater Ltd.

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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