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Dear James

**Letter of Recognition – BTEC National Diplomas (Blacksmithing and Metalworking)**

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

**Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF) - 501/1217/X**  
**Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF) - 501/1220/X**  
**Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF) - 501/1219/3**  
**Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF) - 501/1218/1**

We believe that these qualifications develop and confirm specialist knowledge and skills 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 or further training. In addition to this we currently employ an ex Hereford student, who has completed Level 3 Diploma and Level 3 Extended Diploma, and I consider the training offered by the college to be second to none.

We are happy for the company's name and web address to be made available on the DfE and Pearson websites to confirm that we recognise the qualifications.

Yours sincerely

*Brian W Russell Dip AD, FWCB  
Master Blacksmith*