



**Institute of  
Horticulture**

*Uniting a Growing Profession*

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Dear James

**Letter of Recognition – BTEC National Diplomas (Horticulture)**

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

500/8351/X - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Horticulture (QCF)  
601/1100/8 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Horticulture (QCF)  
500/8336/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture (QCF)  
500/8266/8 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horticulture (QCF)

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.

Specifically they will allow learners to progress in to work in businesses that include; landscape and garden design, fruit and vegetable growing, plant and flower growing, grounds maintenance, green keeping, garden centre and nursery operations and professional gardening.

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

Yours sincerely

**Dr Heather Barrett-Mold**  
**Chair, Horticulture Training, Education and Careers Committee**

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