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Dear Danielle

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**Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Level 3 in Horticulture**

The Institute of Groundsmanship, as the professional body for the grounds care sector, are delighted to support and recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose:

- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Horticulture
- BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Horticulture
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Horticulture
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Horticulture

We consider that the qualifications will support learners to progress to employment or within employment in a range of job roles across the industry, for example:

- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Horticulture: landscape operative, ground maintenance operative, trainee grounds person, trainee grounds keeper
- BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Horticulture: gardener, assistant grounds keeper, grounds maintenance operative,
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Horticulture: gardener, landscaper team leader, charge hand, grounds keeper, grounds maintenance operative,
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Horticulture: commercial supervisor, landscape site supervisor, deputy-head gardener, deputy-head grounds person, contract supervisor, greenkeeper supervisor, nursery assistant manager, plant areas supervisor

For such roles, we believe that these qualifications provide an appropriate level of knowledge and skills enabling them to progress within the relevant job role, as well as meet the needs of the business in contributing to the standard that the sector expects.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Gray', written over a faint, illegible stamp.

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