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Dear James

### **Letter of Recognition – BTEC National Diplomas (Land-Based Technology)**

As a professional institution representing the needs of employers in the sector, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose:

601/0565/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Land-based Technology (QCF)  
501/0314/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Land-based Technology (QCF)  
501/0299/0 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Land-based Technology (QCF)  
501/0236/9 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Land-based Technology (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.

The Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE) works closely with a number of large employers and specialist land-based colleges to promote these awards. In addition, we view these qualifications as having a role to play in the new "trailblazer" apprenticeship programmes

I am happy for the Institution's name and web address to be made available on the DfE and Pearson websites to confirm that we recognise the qualifications.

Yours sincerely

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