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Dear James

**Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music
Technology**

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

**Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Music Technology
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Music Technology**

The qualifications will support learners to progress to employment or within employment in a range of job roles across the industry, for example in recording studios, live and theatre sound, sound design and composing.

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.

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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Industry support for education

At JAMES we have been pleased to work with Pearson on the development of Pearson BTEC National Diploma in Music Technology and the Pearson BTEC National Extended Diploma in Music Technology and hope to be continually involved with their effective evolution. We feel that our contributions have helped to ensure that the qualifications will be relevant to our industry for years to come.

JAMES is a consortium of entertainment industry organisations set up to support education and to promote excellence. JAMES does this this mainly through our process of Industry Accreditation of courses, which is designed, not only to ensure that many years of industry experience is not lost to future generations, but also to support continuing innovation in education for a rapidly changing industry which is experiencing the convergence of many technologies.

JAMES is a recognised PSRB (Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body) for undergraduate higher education courses. UNISTATS reference 'ACC Type 10101'. JAMES accreditation assessors are recruited from the highest levels of production, performance and managerial echelons in our industry.

This scheme is now available internationally and is available for courses at all levels in the National Qualifications Framework from Level 1 FE upwards.

Industry Accreditation of an academic or training course, by an appropriate trade bodies, is primarily an indicator that such a course is relevant to industry. It indicates to employers, freelancers and parents the standard of knowledge and expertise that can be expected from a prospective employee who has completed the course.

Accreditation gives potential learners assurance of a course's worth and enhances the credibility of the educational establishment at which it is conducted. JAMES is at present structuring several schemes that will give added value to the accreditation process.

More can be learnt about JAMES, and how to apply for accreditation, at www.jamesonline.org.uk.

Should any further information be required please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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