



**A not for profit social enterprise – creative education for better lives!**

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Dear Harjinder

**Letter of support for the Pearson *Performing Arts Suite***

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

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Performing Arts  
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts  
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Performing Arts  
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Performing Arts  
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts

The qualifications will support learners to progress to employment or within employment in a range of job roles across the industry, for example in acting, dance and musical theatre.

We specifically recognize the broader employability skills that a performing arts education provides a young person with, such as creative thinking, problem solving and teamwork.

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.

We particularly welcome the range of options available to learners for the Extended Diploma general pathway, as this will benefit them, by giving them the wide overview of the sector that we value.

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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Director

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