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Cindy Rampersaud  
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Dear Cindy Rampersaud

**Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Psychology**

**Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology**

I have reviewed the content of these new qualifications and feel that they offer an interesting and challenging qualification in psychology that will be a distinctive addition to the specifications currently available. As Head of Psychology at this University and also from my previous experience as admissions tutor and as an A Level Chief Examiner I believe that these specifications will prepare students for study in higher education. They appear to have the breadth and challenge of A Level, and like A Level Psychology will prepare students for a wide range of degree choices.

I welcome the inclusion of external assessment in these qualifications. Also, the introduction of a large mandatory core, comprising over half of each qualification, will provide students with a solid foundation and will be helpful in allowing students to explore areas in which they may wish to specialise at degree level.

In the past, we have recruited students with Pearson BTEC National qualifications similar to those listed above on to our degree programmes in the School of Social Science. These degrees include Psychology, Sociology and Youth Studies.

I am happy for this letter to be made public on the Pearson websites to confirm our support for the qualifications.

Yours sincerely,

