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Dear Mr Anderson

As a Higher Education Institution, we will recognise the following qualifications as fulfilling entry requirements to a range of our higher education courses in related subject areas, either by meeting entry requirements in their own right or being accepted alongside other qualifications at the same level:

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Computing
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Computing
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computing
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Information Technology
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Information Technology

We welcome the inclusion of external assessment in these qualifications. Also, the introduction of a larger mandatory core, comprising over half of each qualification, will provide students with a solid foundation. This means that all students will study a broad and common element of content, and therefore the wide range of options offered in the larger qualifications will be helpful in allowing students to explore areas in which they may wish to specialise at degree level.

In addition, we will recognise the following more specialist computing qualifications as fulfilling entry requirements to certain of our higher education courses in related subject areas, either by meeting entry requirements in their own right or being accepted alongside other qualifications at the same level:

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computer Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computing for Creative Industries
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computer Systems and Network Support
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business Information Systems

In the past, we have recruited students with Pearson BTEC IT qualifications similar to the ten listed above on to our degree programmes in Computer Science, Information Technology and Software Development for Business.

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

Yours sincerely,

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