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

Dear Mr Anderson,

As a university lecturer in the area of Computing, I recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose to support learners to progress to university programmes leading to professional roles. I also 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 and able to deliver to the standard the sector expects.

I welcome the inclusion of external assessment and a large mandatory core of knowledge and suitable preparation for work. In particular, I note the following.

As part of the entry requirements into a Computer Science or closely related degree programme, the following suite of qualifications has an appropriate mandatory core and range of optional units:

- 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 Diploma in Computer Science

As part of the entry requirements into degree programmes within the broader subject area, the following suite of qualifications has an appropriate mandatory core and range of optional units:

- 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

Based on my knowledge of Computing within higher education, I am confident that universities will continue to recruit students with BTEC Computing qualifications based on

the content included and their past willingness to recruit students with BTEC IT qualifications similar to those listed above.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Poole', written in a cursive style.

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