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Dear Lesley Davies

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:

- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Equine Management
- BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Equine Management
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Yard Management)
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Equitation)
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Equine Management

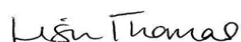
We welcome the inclusion of external assessment in these qualifications. Also, the introduction of a larger mandatory core, comprising over half of each qualification, will provide students with a solid foundation. This means that all students will study a broad and common element of content, and therefore 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 the past, we have recruited students with Pearson BTEC National qualifications similar to those listed above on to our degree programmes in Animal Management, Animal Behaviour & Welfare and Equine Science & Sports Performance. Please note: in order to consider the BTEC Equine Management qualification for our Animal degree programmes, the following optional modules must be studied:

Practical Skills in Animal Science, Animal Metabolism and Equine Function at the Cellular Level

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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