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Dear Lisa

**Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Uniformed Protective Services qualifications**

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

- 603/3061/2 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services*
- 603/3062/4 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services*
- 603/3063/6 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services*
- 603/3092/2 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services*

The qualifications will support learners to progress to Apprenticeships, Initial Training or employment in a range of job roles across the Uniformed Protective Services industry by allowing learners to develop a broad range of skills to meet the needs of an individual employer or sector. Below details some of the potential opportunities for the different sizes.

- 603/3061/2 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services*

This qualification will support learners who wish to progress into either an Apprenticeship or initial training leading to employment in the following occupations:

- Emergency service contact handling (via the Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard) if taken alongside other qualifications such as a BTEC Level 3 in Health & Social Care or Business
- Community Safety Advisor **or** Business Fire Safety Advisor (via the Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard) if taken alongside other qualifications, e.g. BTEC Level 3 in Business, A/AS Level Science)
- Initial/basic training for entry as a regular soldier if taken alongside qualifications in English and Maths
- Learners could also progress to Higher Education to a degree in Criminology if they complete other qualifications such as A/AS Level Psychology or Sociology for graduate entry to the Prison Service

- 603/3062/4 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services*

This qualification will support learners who wish to progress into either an Apprenticeship or initial training leading to employment in the following occupations:

- Security First Line Manager (via the Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard) if taken alongside other qualifications such as BTEC Level 3 Business or Construction and the Built Environment
- Aviation Ground Operator (via the Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard) if taken alongside other qualifications such as BTEC Level 3 Aviation Operations on the Ground, Engineering or A/AS Physics
- Entry to a Police Force via completing the Pearson HNC in Policing
- Learners could also progress to Higher Education to a degree in Criminology if they complete other qualifications such as A/AS Level Psychology or Sociology for graduate entry to the Prison Service

*603/3063/6 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services*

This qualification will support learners who wish to progress into either an Apprenticeship or initial training leading to employment in the following occupations:

- Police Community Support Officer (via the Level 4 Apprenticeship Standard)
- Intelligence analyst (via the Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard)
- Operational fire-fighter (via the Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard)
- Initial Training at Sandhurst for the Army as an Officer
- Initial Officer training at Britannia Royal Naval College
- Initial Training for the British Transport Police
- Initial Training as a Royal Navy Logistics Officer
- Initial Training as a Royal Navy Aircrew Officer Observer
- Initial Training as a Royal Navy Air Traffic Control Officer

*603/3092/2 Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services*

This qualification will support learners who wish to progress into either an Apprenticeship or initial training leading to employment in the following occupations:

- Police Officer (via the Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship Standard)
- Fire & rescue roles (via Degree Apprenticeship Standards)
- Fire Safety Inspector (Via Level 4 Apprenticeship Standard)
- Probation Officer (Via Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship Standard)
- Learners could also progress to Higher Education to a degree in Criminology if they complete other qualifications such as A/AS Level Psychology or Sociology for graduate entry to the Prison Service
- Armed forces-related degrees (BSc in Armed Forces) prior to Sandhurst as an Officer

For such roles, we believe that these qualifications provide an appropriate level of knowledge and skills, meeting the needs of the sector and the individual, ensuring employees are appropriately skilled for the job and able to deliver to the standard that the sector expects. The qualification will also support the individual, should they chose to progress in to further or higher 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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