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Dear Charlotte,

Re: Cambridge Technicals: IT Level 3 Certificate/Introductory Diploma/Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Extended Diploma (QCF)

600/4228/X OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in IT (QCF)
600/4623/5 OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in IT (QCF)
600/4237/0 OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma in IT (QCF)
600/4231/X OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in IT (QCF)
600/4234/5 OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in IT (QCF)

In my current business, and in my previous experience as an employer, I hire Apprentices and student trainees to their first jobs and therefore believe that the above qualifications will enable students in the 16–19 age range to develop specialist knowledge and skills relevant to employment in this sector and that the standard of knowledge and skills is suitable for an 18-year-old in full-time education. I am confident that a student who achieves one of these qualifications should be effectively prepared for related jobs, Apprenticeships, training or higher education courses.

IBM's direct engagement in the development and support for these qualifications and really helped to ensure that they are up to date and in tune with the UK's economical opportunities and thus opportunities for work, including the "Smarter Technology" pathways.

These qualifications equip students with the essential IT and business skills to thrive in today's workplaces, and will help them stand out from the competition as they progress onto Higher Education, employment, or start their own businesses, with the inclusion of practical projects to apply their skills to real life scenarios.

Yours sincerely,



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