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Dear Ms Deko,

OCR's Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Reasoning (MEI)

I would like to express my strong support for OCR's Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Reasoning.

I am on the Advisory Board for MEI's Critical Mathematics project, and so am aware of this part of the qualification. I have also been an advisor to the DoE on recent changes in the GCSE Maths curriculum, and have a keen interest on improving the way that statistics and quantitative evidence is used in society. I am on the board of Getstats, the Royal Statistical Society's project to improve statistical numeracy, and spend a lot of time promoting a critical but constructive approach to numbers in the news.

I feel the proposed *OCR Certificate in Quantitative Reasoning* is an excellent tool for promoting applicable mathematics up to age 18. The material should provide genuinely useful skills for students to apply in future education and employment. I am, of course, particularly keen on the Critical Maths part, which should be an exciting innovation in education. Provided the right people can be found to teach it!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Spiegelhalter'.

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