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Dear Colleague,

As an employer of Teaching Assistants we believe that the following qualification enables students in the 16-19 age range to develop specialist knowledge and skills relevant to employment in schools.

We believe a student who achieves the following qualification will be effectively prepared for related jobs, apprenticeships, training or higher education courses:

501/0432/9 OCR Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools (QCF)

We believe that this qualification is a valuable part of the qualification offer, as it provides the core skills that we as employers look for in potential employees.

The skills that learners develop through the course (for instance - supporting children and young people's positive behaviour, child and young person development) will help them to prepare and succeed in employment, specifically in roles such as a Teaching Assistant.

We believe that this is an important qualification to enable progression to further training for people who wish to enter or progress within a Teaching Assistant role in a School.

The content within these qualifications prepares the learners for a career in this sector and I support their inclusion in the school and college performance tables for 16-19 year olds.

Yours faithfully,

Dr M J Rayner