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Dear Colleague,

As an employer of Learning Support Assistants, Teaching Assistants and Higher Level Teaching Assistants, I believe that the following qualification will enable students in the 16-19 age range to develop specialist knowledge and skills relevant to employment in this area and that the standard of knowledge and skills is suitable for an 18 year old in full time education.

I believe a student who achieves the following qualification should 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)

I believe that this qualification is a valuable part of the qualification offer as it's provides the core skills that I, as employer, 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 a role such as a Teaching Assistant.

I believe that this is an important qualification to enable progression to further training for people who wish to 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 them for inclusion in the school and college performance tables for 16-19 year olds.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'E Pepper'.

Emma Pepper

Headteacher