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Dear Sir/Madam

As an employer within the professional services sector I believe that the following 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. We believe a student who achieves one of the following qualifications should be effectively prepared for related jobs, apprenticeships, training or higher education courses:

600/4226/6	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Business (QCF)
600/4608/9	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Business (QCF)
600/4235/7	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma in Business (QCF)
600/4229/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business (QCF)
600/4232/1	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Business (QCF)
500/8626/1	OCR Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Customer Service (QCF)
500/9625/4	OCR Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Business and Administration (QCF)
500/6484/8	OCR Level 3 Certificate in Administration (Business Professional) (QCF)

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You may wish to include other information to support the qualifications' inclusion in the school and college performance tables for 16-19 year olds, such as:

- *I believe the skills and knowledge the students taking these qualifications will act as a basis for further progression either in the workplace or in further study at school or college.*
- *I believe that these qualifications will allow learners to develop the skills and knowledge they will need to progress into more specialist qualifications in the sector or directly into employment.*
- *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 sincerely

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