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Dear Ken,

Ref: DfE 2016 performance tables in the Technical Level category

Microsoft provides its support as a globally leading devices and services company within the Information and Communication Technology sector to UK Awarding Organisations, as it is important that relevant qualifications, as listed in Appendix, are maintained and updated to suitable level for a young person between the ages of 16-19 studying full time to give that young person an advantage when applying for a job or progressing onto an apprenticeship.

Microsoft therefore continues to work closely with UK Awarding organisations to support the inclusion of new and updated qualifications for the DfE 2016 performance tables in the Technical Level category.

We confirm that we consent to our company name (and logo) being made publicly available on the DfE and relevant Awarding Organisation websites

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Gill".

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APPENDIX

Related City & Guilds Qualifications

City & Guilds Level 3 iTQ Diploma for IT users

City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in ICT Systems Support

City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma for ICT Systems and Principles for IT Professionals