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Dear Susie

City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horticulture

We support the new City & Guilds qualification and feel that it is suitable for young people aged 16 years or over.

The Chartered Institute of Horticulture (CIH) is the authoritative organization representing those professionally engaged in horticulture in the UK and Ireland. The Institute gives recognition of status within the horticultural industry and the means to meet and network with professionals in all spheres of horticulture. It also provides the opportunity to make an effective contribution to the future of horticulture as well as its importance as a career. The aims and objectives of the CIH are:

- To promote the profession of horticulture and the professionalism of those working in the industry
- To act as an authoritative body; consulting with Government and other policy making bodies on matters of interest or concern to professional horticulturists
- To confer recognised status upon professionally qualified and experienced horticulturists
- To promote educational and training opportunities and encourage the development of all disciplines within horticulture
- To co-operate with other bodies on matters of common concern
- To disseminate information on matters affecting the profession and provide opportunities for discussion amongst horticulturists through the website, publications, conferences, seminars, lectures etc.
- To promote the importance of horticulture in:
 - food and ornamental plant production
 - providing employment, often in rural areas
 - improving the environment
 - creating and managing valuable sports and recreation facilities
 - as one of the main leisure pursuits - gardening

The following skills and knowledge that are included in the qualification would support progression in the Horticulture sector, or could lead to further learning and further training, or onto an apprenticeship.

- ❖ Working in the horticulture industry
- ❖ Work experience (150 hours)
- ❖ Health and safety and safe working practices
- ❖ Preparation, planting and maintenance of plants
- ❖ Care, maintenance and use of tools, equipment and machinery
- ❖ Plant naming, identification, selection and science
- ❖ Horticultural business practices
- ❖ Commercial gardening and landscaping
- ❖ Sports turf technology
- ❖ Developing hard landscapes
- ❖ Production techniques in horticulture

The qualification could also allow learners to progress into employment in roles such as trainee:

- horticulture operative
- landscape operative
- golf greenkeeper

We are happy for our company name and logo being made publicly available on the City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely,

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