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AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians)  
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To Whom It May Concern

**Recognition of AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) high quality qualifications for school and college performance tables**

CIPFA, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, is the professional body for people in public finance. Our 14,000 members work throughout the public services, in national audit agencies, in major accountancy firms, and in other bodies where public money needs to be effectively and efficiently managed. We help finance teams develop new skills, provide innovative advice and guidance, and set standards to deliver best practice in public finance.

CIPFA have reviewed the following qualifications and we confirm that the qualifications listed meet the skills needs of the industry:

60165522: AAT Foundation Certificate in Accounting – Level 2  
60165534: AAT Foundation Diploma in accounting and Business – Level 2  
60165546: AAT Advanced Diploma in Accounting – Level 3

These qualifications cover the required knowledge and skills expected of new workforce entrants, and all three qualifications would give students an advantage when applying for related jobs or apprenticeship opportunities in this sector.

These vocational qualifications at Level 2 will provide 16-19 year olds with the best preparation for entry and progression in their chosen career. We further recognise the Advanced Diploma in Accounting as an excellent specialist technical qualification that provides specialist knowledge and skills appropriate to the job roles specified in the declared purpose of the qualification.

We also recognise it is an integral pathway to further professional qualification for those who wish to progress, via the AAT Level 4 Professional qualification, to join our profession. Indeed, around 30% of our new student entrants have followed this pathway.



We are happy for our support of these qualifications to be published on AAT's website so that learners can see for themselves which qualifications are recognised by all sectors of the economy as fit for purpose.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian Pulham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

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