Important Information about Pearson Test of English (PTE) and Tier 4 visas

From 6 April 2015, the Pearson Test of English (PTE) will no longer be on the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) list of acceptable English language tests for Tier 4 visa purposes. If you have taken, or are planning to take the PTE, you should read the following carefully, and be aware of the circumstance that applies to you.

If you intend to enter the degree via an English language pre-sessional course:

**PTE Tests taken on or before 5 April 2015**
The University will continue to accept the PTE for entry to an English language pre-sessional course, provided it meets the minimum entry requirements.

**PTE Tests taken on or after 6 April 2015**
The University will continue to accept the PTE for entry to an English language pre-sessional course, provided it meets the minimum entry requirements, and provided the following criteria are met:

- You have met all your academic conditions, have been firmly accepted and are being issued with a CAS to cover both your English language pre-sessional course and degree.
- Your English language level is already at or above CEFR B2 (minimum of 51 in all sub-tests).

In the following situations, the University will not be able to accept the PTE:

- You have not met all your academic conditions, have not been firmly accepted and are being issued with a CAS for your English language pre-sessional course only.
- Your English language is below CEFR B2 (50 or less in any sub-test).

In these cases UKVI require a Secure English Language Test (SELT) as evidence of English language ability, and a PTE test taken after on or after 6 April 2015 will no longer qualify as a SELT for visa purposes. In these cases, you will have to submit an alternative acceptable SELT in order to be accepted.
If you intend to enter the Art and Design Foundation Programme:

**PTE tests taken on or before 5 April 2015**
The University will accept a PTE test taken before 5 April 2015 for entry to the Art and Design Foundation Programme, provided it meets the minimum entry requirements.

**PTE tests taken after 6 April 2015**
The University cannot accept a PTE test taken after 6 April 2015 for entry to the Art and Design Foundation Programme.

You should note that all PTE tests submitted to the University are verified with the awarding body before being accepted.