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Dear John,

I am writing following the assessment of Guildford College by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner. The college was referred to the Commissioner following the decline in its financial health. I have accepted the Commissioner's recommendations.

The Commissioner's principal recommendation is that the College should rapidly identify a suitable merger partner to enable it to improve the quality of its delivery for learners, and stabilise its financial position. This will be achieved through a Commissioner led Structure and Prospects Assessment. I am glad to hear that you are already working with the Commissioner's team to deliver this.

Ahead of the merger being achieved, it is essential that you rapidly improve the quality of delivery for current learners, through strengthening the college's post inspection action plan. The Commissioner team will regularly monitor progress to ensure you remain on track to deliver that improvement. I know the huge importance of the college's work, and that it has many committed teachers and students.

Please confirm in writing the actions you are taking to address each recommendation, and your timetable for doing so, to the Commissioner at FE.Commissioner@education.gov.uk, within three weeks of receipt of this letter. This document and my letter will be published on gov.uk. If you have any questions about the Commissioner's assessment, please contact the Commissioner directly.

I am copying this letter to Anne Milton MP for Guildford and Minister of State for Skills and Apprenticeships. I am also copying to MPs: Gillian Keegan; Sir Paul Beresford; Jonathan Lord; Jeremy Hunt; Jeremy Quin; and Leo Docherty.

Best wishes,

Justine

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