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Dear Ms Thorogood,

I am writing following the intervention assessment of Nottingham College by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner on 30 to 31 July and 30 September 2020, which took place following the issuance of a Financial Notice to Improve by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) on 1 July 2020.

From the Commissioner's report, it is clear that the college faces a number of challenges that require urgent resolution, including a delayed campus relocation, the need for rapid quality improvement following a Requires Improvement Ofsted judgement (January 2020), imminent cashflow pressures and extremely high levels of debt.

I urge the college to implement the Commissioner's recommendations including working with the ESFA and lenders to confirm options to address the impending cash shortfall, a review of the senior leadership team to strengthen capacity for rapid quality improvement, and a greater focus on the core business of teaching and learning to achieve a Good outcome at the next Ofsted inspection.

I have accepted all the recommendations of the FE Commissioner. A copy of the assessment is provided with this letter.

The assessment and my letter will be published on gov.uk. Once confirmed, the intended publication date will be shared with you.

I have written separately to the following local MPs, whose constituencies are served by the college, to inform them of the FE Commissioner's findings:

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| • Nadia Whittome MP | Nottingham East |
| • Lilian Greenwood MP | Nottingham South |
| • Alex Norris MP | Nottingham North |
| • Darren Henry MP | Broxtowe |
| • Tom Randall MP | Gedling |
| • Ruth Edwards MP | Rushcliffe |

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gillian', with a large, stylized flourish on the left side.

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