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Dear Mr Carmichael,

I am writing to inform you of the Government's view of the position of Canterbury College in light of Further Education Commissioner (FE) and Skills Funding Agency monitoring since the FE Commissioner's initial intervention assessment in September 2016.

As you will be aware, the FE Commissioner team carried out a stock-take visit in January 2017 and found Canterbury College had made significant progress to address all of the financial and quality weaknesses identified in the FE Commissioner's initial assessment.

I am pleased to hear that the impact of these measures has now been validated by Ofsted grading Canterbury College as 'Good' following the recent re-inspection. I am therefore bringing Canterbury College out of FE Commissioner Intervention.

I commend you and your leadership team for putting in place the necessary measures to address the significant financial issues whilst continuing to improve the quality of provision delivered to learners in your community.

I understand that one of the Kent Area Review outcomes was for Canterbury College to work with East Kent College, with a view to a formal merger. I welcome your decision to progress this merger and the Education and Skills Funding Agency will shortly write to you about its continuing monitoring and support processes.

This letter will be published on gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP**  
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