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Dear Mr Evans,

I am writing to inform you of the Government's view on the position of Tresham College following its Ofsted inspection, and the Further Education Commissioner's recent assessment.

It is clear that the college has had significant failures in providing the good quality of teaching that learners deserve. These reflect a need for a strong and consistently applied strategy for improving quality. The FE Commissioner team also had significant concerns about the College's future financial position. These weaknesses in quality and finance reflect failings of leadership at both executive and governance levels.

It is encouraging to see that the college is now taking appropriate action to address its position with the appointment of an experienced interim principal. I also understand that there is significant change underway at governor level, and that you yourself have agreed to step down before the end of the year to facilitate this process. Refreshed governance will be essential for the College to move forward.

Given the serious concerns the Further Education Commissioner has set out, I am placing the College in Administered Status. This will enable the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) to provide an additional level of oversight while the College goes through this period of change. It is essential that there is an open and robust process to appoint strong governors to the vacant positions, and the college should engage with the SFA in conducting that.

The College is part of the South East Midlands Area review, and it is essential that you engage fully with that process in order to ensure that the right structural solution can be identified to safeguard its long term position, and provide a strong offer to learners.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon. Robert Halfon
Minister of State for Apprenticeships and Skills