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Dear Sir Paul

I am delighted to tell you that your application to establish **Schools Partnership Trust Alternative Provision Academy** has been successful as the Secretary of State has decided it should proceed to the next stage of the Free Schools process. This is a significant step toward opening your school in September 2014.

I would like to thank you and your colleagues for the commitment and energy that you have shown in developing your application and at interview. I should point out that your approval may be subject to some very precise and strict conditions. Failure to meet these conditions will mean that there will be a very real possibility that your school does not open.

The key condition attached to the approval of your application is that the AP Academy should operate as three separate schools rather than one school across three sites. These schools will need to become part of a multi academy trust.

You will separately receive a letter from the Lead Assessor of your application which will confirm what happens next and may include further conditions as mentioned above. However, there is plenty to do in advance of receiving this letter, so please do not hesitate to begin work.

We will also inform the local authority and local MP about your success.

You should already have the Pre-opening Launch Event for Free Schools opening in 2014 (on 5 June in The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3EE) in your diaries. I very much look forward to meeting you at that event - registration commences at 9.30am.

*Yours sincerely
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