

## Rt Hon Anne Milton MP

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Dear Ms Orgell-Rosen,

I am writing following the assessment of Ruskin College by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner. The College was referred to the Commissioner because its financial health was inadequate. The assessment took place from 16-17 April 2018.

I am pleased to hear the College recognises the importance for Ruskin College to explore the full range of strategic options (including merger with an FE or HE college) through a FEC led Structural and Prospects Appraisal (SPA). I understand the first steering group meeting was held on 8 June with a view to identifying a suitable partner by 11 September 2018.

It is important that whilst the SPA is taking place, the College continues to put in place the necessary actions to implement the FEC Team's recommendations.

I have accepted all of the recommendations of the Commissioner and a summary of the initial assessment is provided with this letter. This document and my letter will be published on gov.uk.

Please confirm, in writing, before the end of July 2018, what actions you are taking to address all of the recommendations and your timetable for doing so.

If you have any questions about the FE Commissioner's assessment or this letter, please contact the Commissioner at FE.Commissioner@education.gov.uk in the first instance.

I am copying this letter to MPs: Anneliese Dodds, Oxford East; Layla Moran, Oxford West & Abingdon and John Howell, Henley.

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