

The Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith

Minister for Skills

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Dear Ms Dickinson,

I am writing following the intervention assessment of Newham Sixth Form College (NewVIc), by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner on 9 May 2024.

I have accepted the recommendations of the FE Commissioner which include:

- a review of examination processes
- development of an effective strategic and curriculum planning process
- development of quality systems
- development of an effective employee performance management cycle

I urge the college to ensure these recommendations are now fully implemented. In the meantime, and as you will be aware, the department is working closely with the college to finalise a single improvement plan, which has been scheduled to align with the expected merger of Newham Sixth Form College with Newham GFE College in November 2024. I am optimistic that this, along with the support being provided and the work being done to action the FE Commissioner's recommendations, will make a significant positive difference to the college.

A copy of the assessment is provided with this letter. The assessment and my letter will be published on GOV.UK and can be found via the following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/further-education-commissioner-intervention-reports. Once confirmed, the intended publication date will be shared with you. The college must also publish the summary report on its website within 14 days of it being issued.

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:

• James Asser MP West Ham & Beckton

• Sir Stephen Timm MP East Ham

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith