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Dear Ms Clipson,

I am writing following the intervention assessment of Warwickshire College Group (WCG) by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner on 7 and 8 October 2024.

I want to thank you for your proactive approach in addressing the financial challenges at WCG and for seeking support from the FE Commissioner and DfE.

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

- developing a Single Improvement Plan for the college, supported by a financial recovery plan and strategy
- a refreshed holistic college strategic plan which aligns with curriculum, estates, finance and people strategies
- updating the estates strategy
- developing a costed curriculum plan
- developing key performance indicators for governors and leaders, to drive and monitor performance
- reviewing and implementing of leadership structures

You will have also received a financial support package from DfE and I urge you to ensure the above recommendations are now fully implemented.

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:

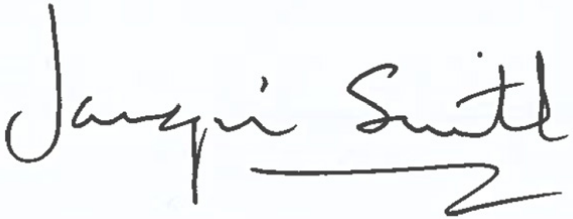
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/further-education-commissioner-intervention-reports>.

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 MPs, whose constituencies are served by WCG, to inform them of the FE Commissioner's findings:

- Matt Western MP – Warwick and Leamington
- John Slinger MP – Rugby
- Sir Jeremy Wright MP – Kenilworth and Southam
- Nigel Huddleston MP – Droitwich and Evesham

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature reads "Jacqui Smith" in a cursive style, with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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