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Dear Head Teacher

I am writing to you in the hope that you may be able to help provide a better service to young people leaving care within your county.

I am currently a student on the MA in Social Work at the University of East Anglia. As part of my final placement, within the Leaving Care Team in Dereham, I have been given an additional task based around the education of young care leavers. As I am sure you are aware many young care leavers face added difficulties when it comes to education because of many factors such as disruption to schooling before placement, frequent moves, discouragement due to peer attitude and lack of confidence and motivation.

Therefore, my task is to identify and compile a list of private tutors or independent teachers who may be able to provide extra study support to young care leavers studying for GCSE's. These tutors would need to be police checked. You may be surprised (and perhaps a little disheartened) to hear that the current list holds only one name, in the whole of Norfolk!

If you were able to assist me in this task I would be most grateful. Please send me details of any private tutors or independent teachers you are aware of in your area, in return I will ensure that I send you a full list when it is compiled.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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