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Dear Lindsey

## Staff at Queen Alexandra Sixth Form College

I am writing regarding your communications to staff and to the public <u>via the media</u>. I could be mistaken, but I do not think that you have communicated directly to the trade unions about the College's change of plans. However, I have seen the public announcements <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

In the most recent communication it states that Tyne Coast College will: "*teach out the remaining students*" until July 2024. We welcome this commitment to the students. You will know how much anger and distress that the announcement caused and we are pleased that you have said "*we got it wrong*".

Following this commitment to the students and the community, we seek a statement from the College to make good on this promise and to now commit to <u>all current staff</u>, employed directly and indirectly, with the provision of education to those 49 students.

We are asking for:

- 1. The removal of any notices to make staff at QA redundant this summer;
- 2. No detriment to be applied to any of the QA staff. To be clear, this means that all those staff currently employed at QA will not see any decline in their contracts and income until July 2024;
- 3. No member of staff employed at QA to be issued with a notice of dismissal until 31/07/24;
- 4. The same voluntary redundancy terms that are on offer now (May 2023) to be applicable to those QA staff who still wish to accept it and leave on 31/07/24;

The College has given an undertaking to the students and alerted the public to this via the media. We are looking for you to commit to the staff so that they, in turn, can commit to the students and the college.

We look forward to a quick and positive response that the concerns of our members are put at ease.

Yours sincerely,

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