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Dear Benn

Re: Early intervention programme for students at risk of NEET with St Thomas the Apostle

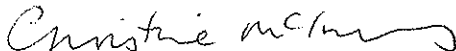
I am writing to congratulate you and your team for the contribution you have made to students on the 'at risk of NEET' programme attending St Thomas the Apostle school. I understand that in under two terms the programme has had a significant impact on a number of these students.

Students at risk of NEET and boys in particular, represent one of our most vulnerable and potentially hardest to reach groups and as such present challenges to schools and children services. However the possibility of not reaching these students is an even greater risk to all including the students themselves.

The head of year 9 and the Deputy Head Simon Cowdry have reported the significant impact this project has had. This sets out an important benchmark for partnership work between third sector organisations such as yours, local schools and the local authority.

On behalf of the local authority I congratulate you and your team staff for their efforts in raising levels of engagement and attainment of young people in Southwark.

Yours sincerely



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