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The Rt Hon. Rishi Sunak MP  
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Dear Rishi,

**RE: Support for Colleges**

I have been contacted by Carshalton College, a further education college in my Carshalton and Wallington constituency, regarding funding support for colleges.

There are currently 4520 students enrolled in college programmes through the South London Colleges Group, of which Carshalton College is a member. You may be aware that the Association of Colleges (AoC) has called on Treasury to launch a *Plan for Skills* to build on the focus on jobs in the recent months. AoC's submission to the spending review includes:

- a Plan for Skills which builds on this year's plan for jobs;
- immediate action to close the digital poverty divide and a stronger support package for students leaving education; and
- a long-term further education strategy, with college business centres supporting employers through expert advice and delivery on skills.

Carshalton College has asked me to write to you to ensure that the Government provides them with the investment they need to enable them to support people, places and productivity.

I should be grateful if you could consider these points, and provide me with an update on the Treasury's response to the AOC's recent submission.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Colburn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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