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Dear Mr Weiss

I write in support of the proposal for Dene Magna staff to teach A Level at Gloucestershire College in Cinderford.

I feel strongly that the provision of A Level locally is crucial to ensure that young people from The Forest of Dean are able to access these qualifications. The journey times for students who live in The Forest of Dean and wish to access A Levels is currently unacceptable. Moreover, one of the largest barriers we face is the low aspirations of young people; local provision of A Levels will help ensure that young people consider A Levels as an option for their Post-16 education.

The local provision of A Levels also has the potential to attract and retain high quality teachers, and to encourage collaboration between schools. The teaching of A Levels will create numerous opportunities for professional development in the local area.

Yours sincerely

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