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Dear Sir / Madam

Bangor University places a high priority on providing high quality support for its diverse student population. We have long since identified that estranged students are an under supported cohort who face considerable barriers in accessing and remaining in higher education. Over the years though we have supported many students who are studying without the support or consent of their family, providing them with similar support, advice and guidance provided to Care Leavers at the university.

We are now committed to the Stand Alone Pledge and have formalised the support we provide for estranged students ensuring that they receive the appropriate support to both to access and remain at university and achieve their academic potential.

- A named adviser for students has been identified who students can contact for advice and guidance, pre and post enrolment.
- Targeted financial support has been allocated to ensure that students can access the university. Students will receive a Start Up bursary at the beginning of their first academic year followed by an Estrangement Bursary in subsequent academic years awarded from our Hardship Fund.
- Estranged students will have access to year round university accommodation for the duration of their studies should they so wish
- Access to the university's wider student services which offers advice and guidance on money support, housing, disability, mental health, counselling and careers and employability.

Bangor University is committed to the Pledge and will continue to work in partnership with our estranged students to ensure that the support provided is appropriate to their needs.

Yours faithfully



**Professor Iwan Davies FLSW**  
**President and Vice-Chancellor**