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Dear Stand Alone

I am writing this letter to express the commitment of the University of Gloucestershire to the Standalone Pledge.

The University of Gloucestershire is committed to widening access and ensuring that all students are supported so that they can be successful in their studies and subsequent progression.

At the University of Gloucestershire we recognise that the transition into higher education is an enormous step for all new students but this is particularly true in the case of estranged students who may not have supportive networks beyond the institution.

From 2019/2020 onwards the University is committed to providing new UK undergraduate estranged students a bespoke support package to assist their transition into the institution, and to help them be successful throughout their studies.

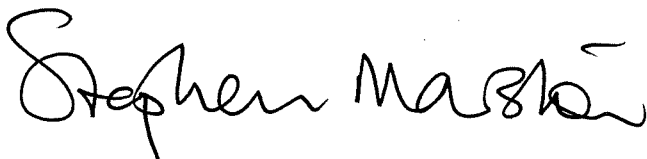
Our intention for 2019/20 and beyond is to offer a support package that is meaningful and impactful, and includes:

- A designated point of contact within our Student Services Department to discuss circumstances and transition to University, and to provide advice and guidance throughout their studies
- A guaranteed place in our halls of residence for each year of study, with the ability to live in halls all year round if desired
- A designated Student Money Advice Team accessible to all students to assist with Student Finance applications, budgeting, hardship applications/appeals, information on bursaries, external charities and trusts

Should you wish to discuss this support package, or our wider student support offer, please contact Stewart Dove (Student Registrar) who will oversee the ongoing work.

We look forward to working with Stand Alone, external partners and other institutions in developing our provision to provide our students with the support and positive encouragement they need to be successful in their studies.

Yours sincerely



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