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Dear Ms Mueller

I am writing to offer York St John University's commitment to supporting estranged students by signing the Stand Alone Pledge.

We strive to support these students in multiple ways - practical, pastoral, and financial. This includes allowing them to disclose their estrangement on enrolment, which directly connects them to a named contact in our Student Life Team. The aim is for support staff to develop a supportive relationship and work with students as individuals, not only to overcome difficulties, but to engage them with all the opportunities that university life offers.

We are proud now to offer an Estranged Student Bursary and this brings our support offer in line with that which we offer to our care leaver cohort. We have also made estranged students a priority group for our Study Abroad Scholarships and Vice Chancellor's Scholarships.

We hope signing the Stand Alone Pledge will signal our commitment to supporting these students, be a springboard to developing this work further and celebrate some of the most remarkable and resilient students in our community.

Yours sincerely



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