

Ein Cyf/Our Ref stand alone pledge

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Stand Alone
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you to pledge support to estranged students studying at Wrexham Glyndwr University.

Wrexham Glyndwr University is committed to widening access to education for under-represented groups and is the first in the UK for social inclusion. WGU recognise estranged students experience additional challenges with their finances, accommodation and mental health to other students and have been delivering extra support to this cohort of students since 2013. We are now ready to commit to the Stand Alone Pledge and provide the following support

Finance

- We will provide a bursary of £1000 per year for undergraduate estranged students.
- Priority access to the University Hardship Fund.
- A named person who will work with the student to ensure they receive their full entitlement to student funding.
- Access to Go Wales to assist with assistance to get the relevant experience to gain employment after graduation.

Accommodation

- We will offer estranged students guaranteed access to university accommodation for the duration of their course.
- Access to 10 accommodation bursaries of 50% of their accommodation fees for their first year of study.

Mental health & wellbeing

- Support available for estranged students through the Health & Wellbeing service.
- Support for students to apply for Student Funding to alleviate the stress of dealing with SFE/SFW.
- We will provide a named contact to support with all aspects of transition into university life and throughout the academic cycle and who will make estranged student aware of the Counselling, Health and Wellbeing Service at every possible opportunity.

Outreach

- We will communicate the support available for estranged students in outreach work with schools and colleges
- We will communicate the support for estranged students via our web pages, as well as at open days and pre-entry activities
- We will work with local Hostels and Homeless charities to reach those without home support

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Hinfelaar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive

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