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Dear Stand Alone,

Supporting Estranged Students: The Stand Alone Pledge

We are delighted to confirm our commitment to the Stand Alone Pledge.

The University of York was founded on values of excellence, equality and opportunity for all, anchored by the highest academic standards, and these are as true today as they were when we opened our doors. Our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy further speaks to the core of our values.

As supporting students from all backgrounds is at the heart of all that we do, we are extremely committed to supporting students from underrepresented groups throughout the student lifecycle. We acknowledge the specific challenges students from underrepresented groups may face in accessing or succeeding in their studies.

By enhancing how we support estranged students we can make a positive impact in both access and success for this group of students. We recognise that the absence of family support can have a negative impact and we want to ensure estranged students are sufficiently supported by the University of York to succeed and thrive in their studies.

As there is always more that can be done, we will continue to strive to improve our offer to Estranged Students (detailed below) by listening to the student's directly and learning from sector best practice.

We are proud to publicly commit to the Pledge, and welcome the opportunity to collaborate with Stand Alone to fully support estranged students to achieve their ambitions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charlie Jeffery'.

Professor Charlie Jeffery
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