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*Ivan Ould*

Thank you for your kind letter of 10 January, congratulating me on my appointment and inviting me to meet with you.

I am delighted and honoured to have been appointed as Secretary of State for Education. Having had a long-standing passion for education and improving social mobility, I am determined to break the link between low income and low achievement. Given the changing world economy, it is vitally important that we provide all young people with the education, skills and training they need.

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to work with our fantastic schools, colleges and universities, alongside organisations such as F40. As you know, the Government is committed to creating a balanced and fair funding system, which meets the needs of all pupils and I welcome your on-going contribution in this area. By working together to create balanced funding we will ensure that everyone has the chance to make the most of their talents and to get on in life. I want to ensure that no one is left behind, and that we deliver a modern country that is globally competitive and fit for the future.

Thank you for your kind invitation to meet. My private office will shortly be in touch to confirm details of my availability.

I very much look forward to working with you and to building on the existing relationship between F40 and the Department.

*Sincerely*  
*Damian Hinds*

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