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Dear Susan

Heriot-Watt University's Pledge for Estranged Students in Higher Education

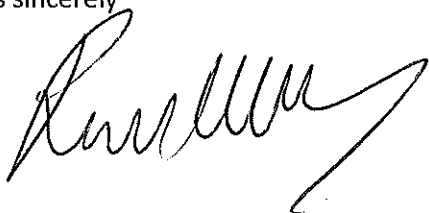
Heriot-Watt University recognises the challenges and barriers that estranged students face in accessing, thriving and successfully completing their Higher Education experience. Accordingly, we have acknowledged and included estranged students within our provision for care experienced students, to support them to fulfil their potential and to enjoy and benefit from their Higher Education experience.

Heriot-Watt has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting students who may lack familial support and encounter additional barriers to their studies. We offer enhanced support mechanisms to our estranged students, including:

- Offering key pre-application and transition support.
- Named contacts for our estranged students to allow individualised support arrangements to be established.
- All year accommodation available for the duration of study, including during the summer vacation period.
- Support for travel costs.

As part of our commitment we are delighted to sign the Stand Alone Pledge and to fully support this important initiative for estranged students in Higher Education. We look forward to working with Stand Alone to further develop our support provision in areas such as access, finance, accommodation and mental health to allow students to reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely



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