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RE: Sustainable Cycles Programme

Dear Lawrence,

I am writing on behalf of the Head Teacher and the Management Committee of Newham PRUs, to thank you for the hard work you have put in with our students on the Sustainable Cycles programme.

The last academic year was indeed a challenging one and yet you rose to the numerous challenges that were presented and in the process, provided our students with opportunities they seldom experience. The course you have designed delivers a holistic approach for our students and I have been impressed by the way the students have adapted to this. From the initial course interviews, through the hands-on learning, to final completion, recognition of skills and certification. I also want to acknowledge how you have sought to develop the course for our learners, many of them preferring the type of kinaesthetic learning on offer. I also want to thank you for showing an understanding of the nature of our students and who not only at times display challenging behaviours, but who by and large have been let down by the education system and yet have all made clear progress, albeit at different levels.

As a result, we are committed to continue working with you to further develop the programme, both through this academic year and beyond. The students are keen and the staff also. Despite ongoing concerns due to Corona virus, I was more than pleased for the work completed during lockdown at Tunmarsh School. In fact, this was one of the high points for us as a school, to develop real life practical skills and engage the students at such a time of uncertainty was inspirational. What we must not forget is that our students represent the community. At times, the community does not necessarily value them and yet this programme helps to build not only their self esteem, but their standing in the community.

I am therefore fully on board with the plans for the future, as we have discussed. Following this summer's in-house workshops, the bicycles that were built will be used with Newham's most vulnerable students as we look to use them to develop a cycling culture at the PRUs. This will include their regular use in the community, along the Greenway and into the Olympic Park. With further development will come the option of gifting these cycles back to the most vulnerable and needy families in Newham.

As we head into the next phase, I am committed to continue to develop our students, but also the staff, who have now been identified and are ready to train, work and support this project after year three. I want to bring sustainable cycling to the community and to the underprivileged of Newham. In the process, in working with you, we can look forward to building operational workshops for the students at both sites, that endeavour to follow the principles that you have clearly laid out.

I thank you again, on behalf of our school and look forward to meeting with you, the challenges that lie ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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