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Dear

I would like to share with you what Tuition Extra have done for my foster children. Five years ago, my foster daughter Ivy Edgington came to live with us in October of Year 11. It became clear that the school did not have the capacity to support her educationally to fill in the gaps due to poor attendance prior to her coming into care and she was not on track to meet her GCSE grades. Tuition Extra provided 4 hours a week tailored tuition taking into account not only her educational needs but her emotional and trauma-based responses. As a result, she achieved 5 grade C GCSE's including maths & English, enabling her to go to college where she achieved Level 3 Merit and was excepted into University.

Fast forward to 2021 and Tuition Extra now provide my foster son Ollie, aged 15, education provision. Ollie came to our family in August 2019. For safeguarding reasons, he was not able to attend the school he was on role at and he had been moved out of the area he was previously fostered in. While he waited for a new school some tuition was provided, however he was resistant to this and refused to engage. Eventually, in November 2019 a local secondary school was found, however Ollie was placed in a room on his own for five days, excluded and was not invited back....to cut a long story short Ollie was blacklisted from all other mainstream schools and no specialist provision was appropriate or would accept Ollie. We believe this was unlawful, however, Tuition Extra took Ollie on and went above and beyond to tailor a provision to his needs. They developed his behaviours for learning and explored his interests through trial and error, never giving up where others had. Ollie knows that Tuition Extra care about him, value him and will not abandon him whatever. He is now participating in tuition, working at Level One moving into Level Two for September 2021.

Before Tuition Extra, Ivy believed she would at most be a barmaid. She is now training to be a paramedic.

Before Tuition Extra, Ollie said he was going to go to prison, now he wants to be a flat race jockey.

The staff at Tuition Extra think out of the box, say yes to these children, listen to the children and treat the children with respect.

We believe Tuition Extra must have changed the lives of so many children for the better thinking about the end result not only the data glory.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter,

Alice & Simon Edgington