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Dear Douglas,

Announcement of the host institution for the Centre for Teaching Excellence

I am writing to update the committee on the host institution for the Centre for Teaching Excellence, which I announced in Parliament on 18 December 2024. I was delighted to see so many institutions take an interest in this vital work. The University of Glasgow has a strong background supporting teachers and Centre will build on this, addressing a recognised gap in linking research and evidence to teaching practice.

We will work closely with the University of Glasgow to finalise agreements and ensure funding is in place so work can take place as soon as possible in the New Year to set up the Centre.

I have been clear since I became Cabinet Secretary that education and skills reform is essential to address the changing needs of our children, young people, teaching professionals and the wider education system, now and in the future. The establishment of the Centre for Teaching Excellence will support teachers to engage with research and evidence to develop and improve their practice. This will help to better meet the needs of children and young people, ensuring they have ever high-quality learning experiences. The Centre will add value to the system and collaboration across the sector will be a key component of its work.

I look forward to updating the committee as the Centre progresses.

Yours sincerely,

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