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Dear Colleague,

### **Mentoring Towards Excellence Materials**

I am pleased to send you the enclosed materials. They are the outcome of a standards fund project undertaken jointly by the Association of Colleges and the Further Education National Training Organisation (FENTO) and involving 29 colleges. The aim of the materials is, firstly to identify what makes an excellent further education teacher and, secondly, to show how excellent teachers can help other teachers to raise their standards.

You will find examples of how to use the FENTO standards to identify and develop excellent practice in teaching and learning. You will also find advice on how to identify strong teachers who can act as mentors in improving the practice of others. Examples of mentoring include guidance to teachers on the use of information technology and on becoming more effective personal tutors. In describing the skills and professional characteristics of the excellent teacher, the materials draw on the views of 700 learners, 70 teachers, college principals and the leaders of national and international organisations.

I hope you find the materials useful and that their use will help to improve the experience of learners.

Further information on the materials can be obtained by contacting Elizabeth McCann on 024 7670 3248.

Yours sincerely,

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