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*Dear Mr Newsome*

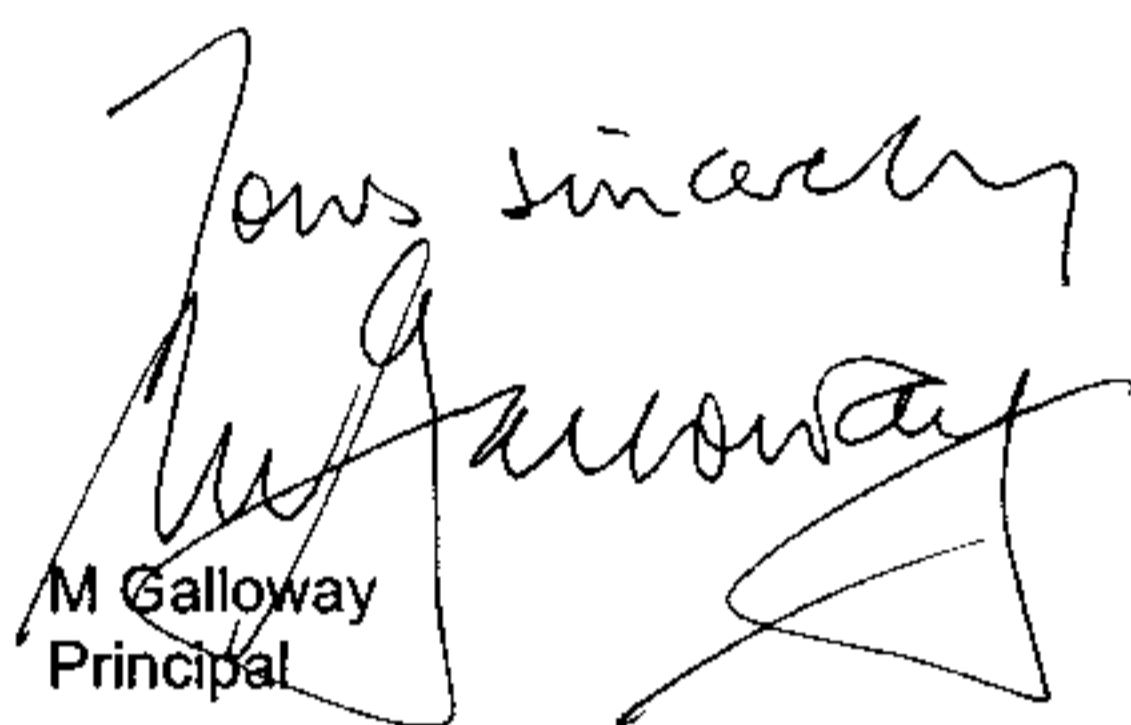
**Community Use of Sports and Leisure facilities at York College**

I am writing on behalf of the college to reaffirm the College's commitment to delivering significantly improved sports facilities with the minimum delay. The College accepts that a condition of the planning agreement for the new college campus was the delivery of 2 additional grass pitches and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) by September 2007. As a result of detailed and constructive discussions with officers of the City Council over many months, it has been proposed that the College's sports funding should be used as partnership funding (thus enabling grant funding from third parties) towards a project that will deliver a MUGA, 5 college/school and community pitches, a new fully accessible pavilion and an extensive football development programme for junior, youth and disability soccer.

Whilst it is regrettable that this would mean some delay in delivery, providing the timescales are not unduly protracted, this would seem a reasonable price to pay for such a significant enhancement to the facilities and the opportunity to access external funding to supplement the investment already being made. It is worth pointing out that the college's new 6 court Sports Hall, fitness suite and all-weather pitch are already available for community use and to date are being used or are planned to be used by at least 17 community groups. Community access to the College's facilities, including sports facilities, was a central feature of the new college campus design and the College is actively encouraging the wider community to make use of these best-in-class facilities.



The College's commitment to sport and sport education is a matter of public record. Any delay in the implementation of the planning condition follows extensive discussions with the local authority and is purely motivated by a desire to ensure the best possible quality and range of provision for students and the wider community. In the event that the more ambitious proposals recommended by the City Council's officers prove to be undeliverable, or deliverable only in an unacceptably protracted timescale, the College will, of course, honour the commitments it made as part of the section 106 agreement as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely  
  
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Principal

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