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To: Secretary of State for Education, Rt Hon. Gavin Williamson MP

Political bias in Education – time to lift the lid and do more to prevent it

Dear Gavin,

As you will see from the attached press statement, and from the stories published in the national press today, we have been working with students in Slough who have come forward to with great courage to highlight serious issues of bias in their school from teaching staff. All details on this issue can be found on our website at www.sloughconservatives.org.uk/news/education-bias.

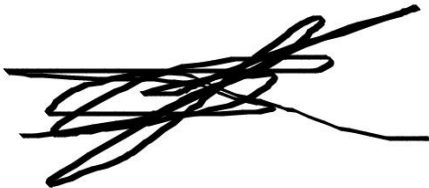
This kind of behaviour we believe is all too common – and it is something we should be committing to do more about as a party in Government, and we urge you with your ministerial team to look into new ways we can better tackle this issue to ensure that all students are free to form their own opinions, and free from undue influence and pressure from teaching staff – not just in schools, but in all educational institutions.

Political indoctrination in schools is a violation of Section 406(1)(b) of the 1996 Education Act and should be taken very seriously. I would urge you to put pressure on those that run the academy that governs St Josephs School in Slough to investigate this issue fully to ensure the students concerns are fairly heard, and to ensure that those who may have committed any wrong-doing are brought to justice if necessary.

Our Association is keen to work with you and your ministerial team in the near future on shaping new ideas to prevent bias entering our education and would welcome you to visit Slough so that you might hear first hand from students what they have experienced.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Lee Pettman

Chair, Slough Conservative Association

Enclosed – Press Statement from Slough Conservative Association, Statements received from students



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