**[Your name and address]**

**[Date]**

Dear [insert name of your MP],

As a parent with a child at The Bishop’s Stortford High School, students of which live in your constituency, I am writing to you to highlight the funding challenges that the school is facing and ask that you support an increase in the overall schools’ budget.

Parents and staff are being told by the school that despite determined efforts to find savings the school is being forced to consider:

* Increasing class sizes
* Having teachers, teaching outside of their specialism
* Cutting the number of GCSE, IB and A-Level courses offered
* Reducing curriculum time for A-Level courses
* Cutting unfunded extra-curricular activities
* Reducing administration teams
* Reducing training for teachers
* Reducing levels of pastoral care
* Reducing the number of support staff to work with children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities
* Removing counselling support for children with issues relating to mental health and well-being

I am also aware that the pressure on schools is exacerbated by the significant reductions in other publicly funded services such as Health and Social Care, which means the school is being asked to do far more with less money.

The government tells us that school funding is at record levels but this appears to be a hollow claim, as repeated news cycles tell us. The reality appears to be that pupil numbers and costs are both rising.

As my MP, I ask that you fight, on behalf of parents and on behalf of our country’s young people for the overall schools’ budget to be increased in order to combat the impact of rising costs. To that effect, please write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to continue to make your voice heard.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely