

# APPG parliamentary meeting invitation letter template

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Dear [NAME] MP,

## Invitation to APPG parliamentary meeting, 8 January 2020

On 8 January 2020 from 9:40am the APPG for International Students will hold its inaugural meeting of the new Parliament with a roundtable on **The Value of International Students to the English Language Training and Further Education Sectors** in the Attlee Room, House of Lords. As the [TITLE] of [CENTRE NAME], an accredited English language teaching centre in your constituency, I urge you to attend the event and join this important cross-party group supporting international students across schools, colleges, training providers and universities.

International students are a vital part of our education sector, bringing unique experiences, perspectives and connections to our students and communities. English-language training, vocational and further education is experiencing a growth in demand around the world. In the UK, our language schools and FE Colleges form a vital part of the education ecosystem, providing pre-degree qualifications, specialist training and vital English language education for students progressing to UK Universities and specialist higher education colleges. The UK must support colleges and English language schools to take advantage of this growing market, for ourselves and the broader UK education sector.

International students bring cultural diversity and new global connections to our regions and communities. We benefit significantly from the visitors they bring, including family, friends and their own global network. When they leave, they share their experiences with others, ensuring our global connections increase with every international student.

[CENTRE NAME] teaches [XX] international students each year, but we need support to ensure we are competitive on the world stage. For too long further education and English language students have been overshadowed by the UK's drive for university students, with colleges facing declining numbers and students having less rights than their university counterparts. The new International Education Strategy offers a framework to support FE Colleges and English language schools to increase international student numbers. We need the support of our MPs to make sure we are an integral part of this strategy as suggested by the APPG for International Students' inquiry *A Sustainable Future for International Students in the UK*.

We hope you will be able to attend the APPG event from 9:40-11:30 on 8 January 2020 in the Attlee room in the House of Lords.

Yours sincerely,

[NAME]

[CENTRE NAME]

[ADDRESS]\*

(\*This is very important as staff at the MP's office will prioritise letters/emails from constituents)