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11 February 2019

Mr & Mrs Sandhu First Floor Santon House 53-55 Uxbridge Road LONDON W5 5SA

RE: Donation to the University of Warwick

Dear Mr and Mrs Sandhu,

I was delighted to hear of your kind donation of £30,000 to support student wellbeing at Warwick and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Department, and the University.

Your donation will be of direct benefit to Warwick students facing mental health challenges, and will also help us to contribute to the national discourse on this important issue. We plan to use your gift to institute a new triage system to help students identify the support they require, delivered through a new website that will also help us to raise awareness and improve accessibility to services. We will then host a national mental health conference, bringing in academic expertise from across the country, to have a rational, factual debate on the mental health challenges facing students and to think about what support needs to be present in local communities for school aged children. This will create an open environment for discussion and debate, while also raising the profile of the challenges that many people in our communities face.

Any one of our students can experience a mental health difficulty; some may be short lasting while others may be more enduring. Whatever their needs, it is vitally important that student with mental health difficulties receive advice, information and support to enable them to fulfil their academic potential and participate fully in University life. Thank you for your generous gift to this important work.

I will ask Luke to get in touch with you when we have set a date for the conference as I would be delighted for you both to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Hannah Friend

Director of Wellbeing and Safeguarding