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RE: Gary Anderson

To whom it may concern,

As a Life Skills Coach, Gary's role is of extreme value to the school, he plans and delivers various programmes of support to our students, mainly those with social, emotional and mental health needs. He has a flexible approach, works in partnership with all relevant school staff and their parents/carers, in order to raise student achievement, attainment, self-esteem and overall improve their behaviour.

Gary has a proven track record of ensuring positive outcomes to those that would otherwise struggle making the transition from a child into a young adult. Through careful observation and communication with students, teaching staff, family members and other professionals Gary is able to design effective intervention programmes and provide reports for Education Healthcare Plans. He is able to build positive, professional relationships with students and maintain confidential casework records.

Gary has also delivered whole school training on Effective Strategies to Reduce Anxiety in Adolescence. He has good awareness of the impact of family, social and environmental factors on the educational and life chances of children and young people.

Amongst many qualities, Gary has experience and confidence in dealing with challenging situations with an ability to resolve a variety of problems independently. He works well under pressure, has excellent verbal communication skills, listening and observation skills and is able to make independent judgements and exercise initiative within agreed limits.

His counselling qualifications and experience provide a vital platform of support for our students too. Gary is valued member of the team who has a strong desire for students to succeed in life, particularly those who we would consider vulnerable, at risk or in need. Gary would be a tremendous asset to your school/educational establishment and has my highest recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

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