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Dear

My name is Cathryn Adams and I am the Head of the Essex Virtual School. It is my job to make sure you have the best opportunities to succeed in your education.

From the It's My Life events and the Children in Care Council I have been told that some young people have difficulties getting help with learning. Your success in education is important to me and to help with this I have purchased a licence for you to access the **Britannica School** - an award-winning online resource from Encyclopædia Britannica.

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An E-Safety guide and a letter on how to use Britannica School is included in this letter to help you get started.

I would be really pleased to hear from you how you are getting on and if you find it helpful with your learning. Please email me at virtual.school@essex.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,



Cathryn Adams
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