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To whom it may concern

Re: Tim Germain

We recently undertook a project with Tim to design and construct a bespoke bench for the front of our new academy building. The project involved working with students from our Academy in developing suitable designs, synthesizing their ideas, designing an appropriate piece and then making and installing the bench.

Tim relished the opportunity to work with our students and took the time to prepare sessions which allowed them to explore the role benches play within communities and how their design can facilitate and enhance the effectiveness of street furniture.

The students responded in a hugely positive way to Tim's sessions, and he was able to engage students in enriching conversations about communities and design. As a result of these sessions the students produced a range innovative, interesting and creative designs for the bench. The skill with which Tim was then able to synthesise these ideas into one coherent design meant that the final design allowed students to see elements of their ideas being brought to life and gave them a real sense of ownership in the final piece.

Once the design phase was completed Tim was able to undertake and complete the construction of the bench to the agreed time scale. He kept the Academy and its students updated of the progress and was keen to ensure that the interest in the project was maintained for all those involved.

When installation was undertaken Tim again engaged with students from the Academy giving them ownership of the process and offering his experience and guidance as they put together the bench. The finished bench met every aspect of our vision. It incorporates the work of the students, the values of the Academy and is a functional and stunning addition to the front of the building. The response of students, staff and visitors has been fantastic and it allows us to engage members of community in discussion about the journey to produce the bench, as well being used by numerous students on a day to day basis. It is a testament to Tim's work that we now are the proud owners of a beautiful, functional, unique piece which students feel a real connection to and make great use of.

Yours sincerely

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