



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

4 October 1985

Dear Leigh,

TWO-YEAR Y.T.S.

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 2 October. She agrees with your Secretary of State's proposal that, with the launch of the two-year programme for 1986 school leavers next spring, the development may be presented as the introduction of a new two-year vocational training programme under a new title. She also agrees that this may be mentioned at the Party Conference next week.

I am copying this letter to Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), Rob Smith (Department of Education and Science), John Graham (Scottish Office) and Colin Williams (Welsh Office).

Yours,

David

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PRIME MINISTER

I have been discussing with the Chairman of the MSC and colleagues here developments in our manpower programmes in the period ahead.

We shall be discussing possible new approaches later but we are already moving ahead, of course, with the major development of the launch next Spring of the "Two-Year YTS". This represents a very important step forward towards a more comprehensive and coherent vocational education and training system for all young people under 18 and I am most anxious that it is presented in this way and that we make the most of this development. I am concerned, however, about the image the current Youth Training Scheme still has in certain quarters as just another "scheme" to reduce youth unemployment. Subject to agreeing this finally with the MSC Chairman, I therefore propose that with the launch of the two year programme for 1986 school-leavers next Spring, we present the development as the introduction of a new two year vocational training programme under a new title, using the present "Youth Training Scheme" only for residual one-year schemes.

I would like to indicate in my speech at the Party Conference on Thursday next week that we intend to re-christen the "Two-Year YTS" in this way. This involves no change, of course, in the decisions already taken on the substance of the scheme and the public expenditure provision but will, I hope, help to bring out clearly the very significant step forward we are taking and get the new programme off to the good start.



I am sending copies of this minute to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretaries of State for Education and Science, Scotland and Wales.

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2 October 1985



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