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CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGES TRUST

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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
SW1

1 July 1988

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your support with regard to the proposed City Arts Technology College. I am hopeful this will be a most exciting initiative filling a real need.

Significant progress has been made recently with regard to finding new CTC sponsors. Michael Ashcroft, Chairman and Chief Executive of ADT (formerly Hawleys) and the Wolfson Foundation have recently confirmed their willingness to become major sponsors. As the enclosed status report shows, we now have fifteen confirmed CTC sponsors who have jointly pledged £23,700,000. We have excellent prospects for the remaining five sponsors necessary to complete the initial pilot twenty schools. Considerable progress is also being made on finding sites.

I am hopeful that the task of finding twenty major sponsors will have been completed in time for the dinner which you have kindly agreed to host for CTC sponsors at Downing Street on 3rd November.

So that he can be kept informed, I am sending Professor Brian Griffiths a copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Cyril J H Taylor
Chairman

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LIST OF CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGES

AREA	FIRMED SPONSORS (pledges in writing)	SITE DETAILS	PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED
1 Solihull opening Sept'88	SPONSORS Hanson (£1m) & Lucas plus £1m from others Total £2m	Kingshurst School, Solihull	Yes
2 Nottingham opening Sept'89	1 Harry Djanogly (£1m) 2 Boots (£200K) 3 W.H. Smith (£50K) 4 £350K from others Total £1.6m	New school on Wills site, Nottingham	Yes
3 South London opening Sept'90	Sir Philip Harris (£1m) David Lewis (£250K) Total £1.25m	Sylvan School, Croydon (subject to approval)	Yes
4 Bradford opening Sept'90	1 Stanley Kalms, Dixons (£1m) 2 Associated Paper (£100K) 3 Mentor (equipment)	Salt Mill, Bradford (to be confirmed)	Yes
5 Thamesmead opening Sept'90	Mercers' Company (£1m) & Thamesmead Trust (£1m) & Clive Thornton Total £2m	Riverside School, Thamesmead (subject to approval)	Yes
6 New Cross Lewisham opening Sept'91	Haberdashers/Aske's donation of two schools on 20 acres (approx £4m)	Hatcham Schools, New Cross (subject to approval)	Yes
7 Middlesbrough opening Sept'89	1 BAT (tbc) (£1m) 2 John Hall (£250K) 3 Davy McKee (£100K) 4 Tyne Tees TV (£50K) 5 British Steel (£250K) Total £1.65m	St Michael's School, Middlesbrough	Yes
8 Dartford, Kent opening Sept'90	Geoffrey Leigh (£1m) and others	Down's School, Dartford, Kent (subject to approval)	Yes
9 Manchester opening Sept'89	1 Biwater - Adrian White and Leslie Jones (£1m) 2 Ferranti (£100K) 3 British Aerospace Total £1.1m	Stretford Grammar School, Trafford	No
10 Docklands, London opening Sept'90	1 Cable & Wireless (£1m) 2 London Docklands Development Corporation 3 Skinners' Company (£750,000) 4 Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons Ltd (£200K) 5 N M Rothschild (£50K) Total £2m	New school on Thames Wharf	No
11 London opening Sept'90	Richard Branson group (c £2m)	City Arts Technology College on Selhurst site, Croydon	No
12 Manchester	Pentland Industries (£1m) plus support from British Aerospace	De La Salle, Middleton (to be confirmed)	No
13 Slough or Reading	Michael Ashcroft, ADT (£1m)	No site	No

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14 Glasgow	Trusthouse Forte (£1m)	Allan Glen's (subject to approval)	No
15 Glasgow or London	Wolfson Foundation (£1m)	No site	No
Total pledged £23,700,000			

II GOOD PROSPECTS (Several discussions)

<u>AREA</u>	<u>SPONSORS</u>	<u>SITE DETAILS</u>	<u>PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED</u>
16 Gateshead	Argyll Foods (£1m)	St John Fisher School, Gateshead	No
17 Swindon	1 W H Smith 2 Cranfield/Shrivenham 3 Plessey 4 Allied Dunbar	New school	No
18 Coventry	Jaguar and Wates (£300K) and possibly Inchcape and John Jerwood	No site	No
19 Portsmouth	Hampshire County Council will provide school Need sponsor	King Richard School, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth (subject to approval)	No

III POSSIBILITIES (one or more discussions)

20 (To be decided)	Paul Hamlyn	No site	No
21 Southampton	1 Chamber of Commerce (Beebe) 2 Mr Sperring 3 Wates(?)	Richard Taunton School, Southampton	No
22 Bristol	1 Merchant Venturers 2 Wates(?) 3 Bristol Polytechnic	Merchant Venturers School, Bristol	No
23 Leeds	ASDA (to be confirmed) and Vickers	No site	No

GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN OF CTCs

London	5	
Midlands	3	
Northwest	2	
Northeast	2	
Yorkshire	2	
South	6	
Scotland	2	
No area yet decided	1	
Total	23	

SITE DISTRIBUTION

1. Empty school buildings to be purchased	8
2. Other buildings	1
3. New schools to be built	3
4. Existing schools to be closed and reopened as CTCs	6
5. No sites	5
Total	23

Evaluation Policy
1919

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10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

Cyril Taylor has written to you once again, having clearly had news from Kenneth Baker of the decision on a City College for the Technology of the Arts.

I suggest you might use your reply to encourage him further to increase the amount of private sector sponsorship of CTCs. Content to sign?

Paul

Paul Gray

5 July 1988



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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 July 1988

Cyril Taylor

Thank you for your letter of 1 July concerning the latest developments with potential City Technology College sponsors. It is a most encouraging report. I am sure you will be able to build on it further to increase the private sector contribution to the costs of establishing CTCs.

I am greatly looking forward to the dinner on 3 November.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

Cyril Taylor, Esq.

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Mr. [unclear]
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From the Private Secretary

21 June 1988

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister, who is currently attending the Economic Summit in Toronto, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10 June about the possibility of a City Arts College.

I know that you discussed this further at the end of last week with Archie Hamilton. I will ensure that the Prime Minister has the further information you gave him on her return when, as I believe you are aware, she will be discussing the matter with the Secretary of State.

Paul Gray

Cyril Taylor, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET

Archie

I've quite been to take the opportunity of the PM's absence to reply to Taylor's letter on City Arts College, so that she doesn't have to send a substantive reply herself. Does the attached adequately reflect your chat with Taylor?

RCG
w/b

P.S. We're bringing up a time for Baker to case and see the PM about a CAC.

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Paul

I have spoken to
Gail Taylor. Said ^{we} will
get a truck if we want
further briefing.

Figures are as follows.

CTC 1 m P. Harris

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1.250

4.75 Taxpayer

6.0 m

CAC 2 m probable Branson

2 m taxpayer

4 m

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10th June 1988

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to support strongly the proposed amendment to the Education Reform Bill which would allow educational focuses other than technology to be encompassed within the City Technology Colleges scheme.

The example of American Magnet Schools has shown that allowing schools to adopt a particular educational focus which might include business studies, computer technology, design, as well as the performing and creative arts, has helped inner city schools to improve their educational outcomes. It has also created a strong demand from pupils to gain admittance to these schools with the resulting benefits in discipline and motivation.

The immediate purpose for widening the City Technology Colleges initiative would be to allow the formation of a City Arts College. As well as teaching the basic subjects of the national curriculum, this school would have a dual curriculum focus; the first would be the performing arts including music, dance and drama; the second would be video and film making plus related technology subjects such as recording techniques, the music business, theatre, lighting and costume design, especially for musical productions.

Mr Richard Branson has pledged £500,000 towards the creation of such a school and he is now confirming pledges of additional support of £1,000,000 from the record and film industries. It is the view of the potential sponsors that there is actually a shortage of skilled personnel for the burgeoning recording, video and music industry. The draft curriculum for the school would require a multi disciplinary approach under which pupils would learn several, if not all, of the performing arts skills while others would specialise in the technological supporting skills.

In addition to Mr Branson's initiative, Mr Paul Hamlyn has expressed interest in supporting a CTC which would specialise in alleviating illiteracy as well as teaching creative writing.

It is the Trust's hope that for the above reasons you will agree to support the proposed amendment.

Yours sincerely,

Cyril J H Taylor