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**Recruitment of the Chair of the Office for Students**

I wrote to you on 30 November 2020 to let you know that I had asked the Assessment Advisory Panel for the appointment of the next Chair of the Office for Students to interview six applicants. Those interviews have now concluded, and I have selected my preferred candidate from the list of appointable candidates provided to me by the Panel.

I am therefore writing to let you know that the Government's preferred candidate for this role will be Lord Wharton of Yarm and I will be announcing this later today.

I understand that officials are liaising with the Committee's clerk to arrange a suitable time for the pre-appointment scrutiny hearing at the end of January or beginning of February and that they will provide you with the required paperwork in good time before the hearing.

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