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Dear Manuela,

Thank you for your letter of 10 June to the Secretary of State for Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, regarding the EU Erasmus+ programme. Your letter has been passed to the Cabinet Office and I am responding as the Minister for European Union Relations.

On 19 May 2025, the Prime Minister welcomed Presidents Von Der Leyen and Costa for the first ever Summit between the UK and the EU and we agreed a deal which will deliver on what the British public voted for last year. This package delivers for the British people, without compromising on our red lines – no return to the customs union, no return to freedom of movement, and no re-joining the single market.

This Government recognises the value of people-to-people connections and schemes which give young people the opportunity to experience different cultures and study elsewhere. We have agreed to work towards association to the Erasmus+ programme on much better financial terms for the UK. We will ensure that any agreement reflects a fair balance between the UK financial contribution and the number of UK participants who receive funding from it. In response to the detailed questions you pose, I note that the exact parameters will be subject to forthcoming negotiations.

You asked for further detail on how this might interact with the Turing Scheme. Following our agreement to work towards association to the Erasmus+ programme, we will have to consider the implications for other programmes in due course, following the outcome of those discussions. This iteration of Erasmus+ has a bigger focus on participants from disadvantaged backgrounds, and one of its objectives is inclusion and supporting people with fewer opportunities to participate. This aligns with the Government's opportunity mission.

Thank you for taking the time to write about these important matters.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Thomas-Symonds', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**RT HON NICK THOMAS-SYMONDS MP
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