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Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle,
House of Lords,
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Dear Lady Bennett,

I am writing in response to a question you asked in the House on 18 December 2025 on the issue of visas for students travelling under the Erasmus+ scheme in 2027.

The Government is working to maximise take-up across all sectors so that the benefits of Erasmus+ association can be fully realised. We are working closely with institutions and our young people so that as many people as possible, including those students seeking to travel, have access to the world class opportunities the Erasmus+ programme offers.

The UK will have full access to the Erasmus+ programme like other associated countries but, because we are no longer an EU member state, we follow Erasmus+ rules via an association agreement rather than EU law. As a result, anyone participating in an Erasmus+ placement must ensure they comply with the entry requirements for the country they plan to visit. It would be the participants' responsibility to ensure they meet these requirements and apply for a visa where one is required.

You mention that students could face administrative hurdles when travelling through the Erasmus+ programme. I want to reassure you that the Erasmus+ Regulation requires participating countries to resolve, where possible, issues that create difficulties in obtaining visas and residence permits. Advice will also be available for all students wishing to travel, ensuring they have the right guidance on the entry requirements of their destination country.

Thank you for your engagement on this important matter. I will place a copy of this letter in the House library.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ruth Anderson'.

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