

# Invitation to Secretary of State for Education to give evidence, dated 4 September 2025

## Invitation to provide evidence – VAT & Independent Schools

Further to our previous correspondence, I am contacting you on behalf of the Scottish Parliament's Education, Children and Young People Committee to invite the Secretary of State for Education to give evidence on the impact that placing VAT on Independent Schools has had in Scotland, on the morning of **Wednesday 29 October 2025**.

The meeting will take place at the Scottish Parliament, in **Committee Room 1**, and we estimate that the session will start around **10.45am**. We will confirm final timings nearer the meeting. We expect the session to around 90 minutes and the Secretary of State will be invited to give a short opening statement, of up to 3 minutes, before moving to questions from the Committee.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that the Secretary of State will be available to give evidence at that meeting by **Friday 12 September**. Should the Secretary be unavailable, the Committee would ask whether the Secretary of State for Scotland would be available to give evidence to the Committee in her place.

Kind regards