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Dear Colleague

I am writing to make you aware of a letter I have received from Jim Knight, setting out changes to the training bursary and Golden Hello arrangements for some postgraduate initial teacher training courses, starting in 2008/09 academic year. The changes are as follows:

- for primary postgraduate trainees, the bursary will be reduced from £6,000 to £4,000;
- secondary English will cease to be a 'priority' subject and the bursary will be reduced from £9,000 to £6,000. These trainees will no longer be eligible to receive a Golden Hello. These changes will also apply to secondary dance and drama trainees.

The new arrangements will be introduced for new trainees starting courses in the 2008/09 academic year. Trainees starting in the 2007/08 academic year will not be affected.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Tom Glover (020 7023 8024; tom.glover@tda.gov.uk)

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