Dear [Local MP’s Name],

I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping safe and well at this difficult time.

I am currently studying [your course/subject] at Royal Holloway University of London. I am getting in touch in relation to the severe disruption and difficulties students have faced over the last 11 months due to the pandemic.

Throughout the last 11 months, students within Higher Education have received little support from the Government, not even warranting a mention during Boris Johnson’s announcement of a new lockdown on 5 January nor any recognition regarding the impact this would have on us. We have been continually forgotten and unsupported, despite the vast majority of students abiding to the lockdown rules in order to protect vulnerable members of society.

Whilst the University has worked hard to provide support in terms of online education and hardship funding, my academic experience and quality has been inconsistent and significantly reduced from that of previous years. University staff have worked incredibly hard during this period, but this does not mean that students, and Universities themselves, do not need further support.

[You may wish to highlight any specific aspects of your situation that are individual to you, such as details on your academic experience, accommodation and renting situation, financial difficulties you have experienced, recent communications with your landlord, etc].

I am continuing to pay tuition fees of [£9250/international student fees] to receive a University experience that is much reduced from previous years. The experience that I am receiving this year is fundamentally different, and we should not be asked to pay our full tuition fee for this experience.

The University themselves are unable to reduce their tuition fees without putting their financial security at risk, therefore I would like you **to raise the issue of tuition fees in Parliament and lobby for students to receive appropriate compensation and support directly from the government** due to the current situation.

[If applicable] Furthermore, I am continuing to pay rent for my student house/private Halls that I am not currently using due to the current lockdown. I would like you **to raise the issue of private housing for students in Parliament and lobby for support from Government to allow students no-penalty early release from tenancy contracts or rent obligations**, which has already been implemented in Scotland.

[You may wish to outline what particular solution you are seeking form your accommodation provider, such as a refund for rent and deposit, suspension of payments, a reduction in rent or a no-penalty release from your contract, etc.]

I would appreciate your support in lobbying the Government to enact these measures to protect students during the pandemic.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my letter, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

[Your name]