



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Hamish,

As the humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues to deepen, I write to you today concerning the 40 talented students in Gaza who have been granted scholarships to attend British universities, but who have been unable to take up these places as they are trapped in a visa limbo.

These students have worked hard to secure extremely competitive scholarships, and are passionate about gaining the education they need to give back to their community, help it get through the war, and rebuild once the dust has settled.

But the war has up to now prevented them from taking up these scholarships, due to complications in the visa process.

I would be grateful if the Government could explore how these students can complete the visa process against the backdrop of the exceptional and extremely challenging circumstances they face in their homeland.

Warm regards,

*Tom Hayes*

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**Labour Member of Parliament for Bournemouth East**