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To whom it may concern,

Natalie and I were colleagues at Comberton Village College and at Cambourne Village College. In my first year at Comberton, although I wasn't a new teacher, Natalie was very helpful in pointing me in the right direction regarding lessons, planning, and marking. We shared 3 groups of Year 7 at Cambourne VC, and the work and lessons were always really well organised so that the split teaching didn't negatively impact the learners. Since leaving Cambourne Village College, Natalie has continued to collaborate with our department at Comberton. Over the last year and a half, since the start of the reformed GCSEs, she has been instrumental in helping us plan good, creative lessons that ensure students build their knowledge, but also enjoy themselves in the process. This collaboration started with the Elizabethans topic; Natalie would send over some of her resources, but also provide key terms lists and similar, and we would send her some resources in return. This was so useful as it really helped us use our time more wisely. I have collaborated with Natalie directly on the Making of America and Nazi Germany schemes. We have worked together to produce resources that we have shared with each other, we have sent each other powerpoints and quizzes and revision materials. Natalie has recently provided us with a comprehensive revision guide that we are going to use to help our pupils structure their revision on the Nazi Germany topic, and sent through some excellent quizzes to help with subject knowledge on the Elizabethans. Not only have the resources themselves been helpful, but the ability to collaborate, discuss, and check our own understanding of the requirements has been hugely useful and positive. After recent mock exams, we each sent the other moderated work from the exam board; having your own work moderated is useful, but getting to compare to what other schools are producing is even more so. I look forward to continued collaboration with Natalie as we update and embed our new GCSE history course.

Best wishes,

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