

**Letter from Yeldard Alvey, Oxford, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1620 March 27: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.13, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Right worshipful and my very much respected friend: I have caused your son to write out the note of this quarter's expenses which arise to the greater sum, because he was entered in the dancing school. as he informs me by your appointment, but had I not had good experience of his ingenuous nature, I would not have given way unto it, upon so weak warrant as his word, unless I had understood your worships mind by a letter: not that I mislike the thing, which is an exercise well beseeming a gentleman and no hindrance to his study, but I think it unfit for a Tutor to lay out any thing extraordinary, for his pupil without he be fully secured that it stands with his liking to whom he is to give up the accounts of all expenses. young men's wills and words are not always Tutors warrants, neither would I have easily given way unto this but that I knew who I trusted, for to speak no more of him than I do with joy daily behold in him. he is one that deserves my commendatory letters both for his studious and virtuous behavior, and be you assured that I will do my best endeavour to hasten him forward in those well begun courses: Thus not forgetting my best respect and thankfulness to your much respected wife, and my love to your sons in haste I take my leave

Oxford this 27 of March  
1620  
Your Worship's in all friendly  
offices  
Yeldard Alvey

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To the Right worshipful his very  
much respected friend Mr  
Walter Bagot Esquire at  
Blithfield give these

To Walter Bagot — from  
(~~Sir Harvey~~ Tutor Oxford)  
1620

