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Dear Ms Overbury

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Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of your staff, during my visit on 13 October 2010 to look at your provision for safeguarding students.

The visit provided valuable information which will contribute to our publication about best practice in safeguarding in colleges. The publication will include case studies about individual providers. If Christ the King Sixth Form College is included as a case study, you will have an opportunity to comment prior to publication. Individual institutions will not be identified in the main text without their consent.

Features of good practice

- The senior managers, governors and staff are totally committed to build and maintain a well-ordered, safe and secure educational community where students can concentrate on their studies, develop, achieve and make progress. Students' safety and security are paramount.
- All activities, which could impact on students' safety, are thoroughly risk assessed.
- All staff, managers and students are well trained. As a result, they understand and implement safeguarding requirements thoroughly and consistently across the college.
- Highly effective and thorough processes are used to identify, monitor and support vulnerable students.
- Robust arrangements are in place for incident management. Rules and regulations for students are clear and appropriate. They are strictly and

- unambiguously enforced. The atmosphere in college is well-ordered, respectful and purposeful; behaviour is good.
- Extensive and distinctive pastoral and tutorial arrangements are supportive, consistently applied and help students reflect on their lives and make safe and healthy lifestyle decisions. Students are valued as individuals and are confident to raise issues which impact on their safety.

I hope that these observations are useful as you continue to develop safeguarding provision in the college.

As explained previously, a copy of this letter will be published on the Ofsted website. It may be used to inform decisions about any future inspection.

Yours sincerely

Anne Taylor Her Majesty's Inspector