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Dear Mr Mitchell

Interim assessment of Southport College

Colleges and providers are generally inspected within four years of their last inspection. This interval may be extended up to six years if the overall effectiveness grade is good.

In addition to an annual risk assessment for each provider, which informs the annual inspection programme, Ofsted has undertaken to conduct interim desk based assessments on good providers three years after their last full inspection. These focus on scrutiny of learner performance data. I can confirm that we have now completed your interim assessment and have not identified any significant areas of concern. Consequently, unless there is new cause for concern, Southport College will not be subject to a full inspection during this academic year (2011/12).

Yours sincerely

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