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Dear Mr Baker

Ofsted survey inspection programme – 14-19 reforms

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff and students during my visit on 25 September 2007 as part of our survey on 14-19 developments in the local area.

The visit provided valuable information which will contribute to our national evaluation and reporting. This report, which will be produced in the summer of 2008, will highlight good practice and identify improvements to be made. Published reports are likely to list the names of the contributing institutions, but individual institutions will not be identified in the main text.

Lipson Community College demonstrates its commitment to the development of the 14-19 curriculum in the following ways:

- It has very good strategic plans which it implements effectively.
- Good co-ordination of the partnership and use of funding.
- Sound management and good evaluation of courses across institutions.
- Outstanding quality of advice and very close collaboration between school and Connexions. This is very well monitored through points of transition.
- Outstanding personal support.
- Learners are very aware of the prospectus with good involvement in designing and managing their own progression routes.
- Very high learner satisfaction of school.
- There are effective arrangements for learners to access a very broad range of opportunities which are related to the development and personal needs of themselves and their families.
- Good inclusion.

- Teachers have the high levels of expertise necessary for the delivery of the curriculum.
- The school is seen as a strong cohesive force for good in the community.

Areas identified for further development are:

- raising levels of attainment across all key stages
- increasing the number of learners with learning difficulties and disabilities participating in Key Stage 5.

If there are any points or aspects of the visit you wish to discuss, please get in touch. As we will be evaluating the survey, you may be contacted in the future to find out your views. I hope you will contribute to this evaluation. Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely

Carolyn Carnaghan
Additional Inspector