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Mrs Carol Hannaford
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Dear Mrs Hannaford

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 26 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.

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

- Leadership and management of the curriculum are outstanding.
- Strategies are clearly set and carried through.
- Good achievement across the school arising from appropriate personalised curriculum development.
- Impartial and good guidance delivered through effective partnerships.
- High retention rates and good attendance.
- Outstanding personal development.
- Fast and effective feedback from monitoring of progress for learners and parents.

Areas identified for further development are:

- raising numbers of learners with learning difficulties and disabilities participating in Key Stage 5
- improving standards in English and mathematics across all key stages.

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