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Dear Mr Hermitt

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 Tuesday 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. Published reports are likely to list the names of the contributing institutions, but individual institutions will not be identified in the main text.

The school demonstrates its commitment to the development of the 14-19 curriculum in the following ways:

- Standards have risen notably over the last two years and retention into the sixth form has improved.
- The school responds very well to individual requirements and adapts the curriculum accordingly. Students find the range of subjects and qualifications to be good and are able to construct programmes that capture their interests and meet their needs.
- Students are well-informed and reach rational decisions in making their choice of subjects and courses. They can explain their choices clearly and are aware of what they need to achieve in order to pursue career options.
- Students feel very well supported by the school.
- The school is very active within local partnership working groups, but there are few examples of collaborative courses.

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

Clive Moss
Her Majesty's Inspector