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Dear Ms Gillespie

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 Wednesday 26 September 2007 as part of our survey on 14-19 developments in the local area. I enjoyed visiting the college again.

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.

PCFE provides a welcoming approach for all its students, is inclusive and is developing its curriculum appropriately to meet the needs of young people in the local area. This includes the expansion of its vocational courses and courses below level 3 as well as its HE work.

The college fully demonstrates its commitment to local community and partnership working. The support provided by the college to its partner schools is strong and it has established effective links ensuring smooth transition of students from school to college.

The commitment, full participation and continued support of the college have contributed greatly to the successful planning and preparation for taking forward the 14-19 reforms in the local area.

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

Peter Green  
Her Majesty's Inspector