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Dear Mr Butler

Ofsted survey inspection programme – 14-19 reforms

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff and pupils during my visit on Tuesday 16 October 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.

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

- A demonstrable commitment to inclusion and the development of individual pathways for pupils.
- The strengthening of your links with partner schools.
- Some good personal development strategies which motivate well the pupils.

You have identified as areas for further development:

- The consistency in the contribution of all subjects to work related learning.
- The promotion to pupils of the new on-line prospectus for Rotherham.

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

Michael Miller
Additional Inspector