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Dear Mr Longstaffe

Ofsted survey inspection programme – 14-19 reforms

Thank you for the hospitality and co-operation shown during my visit and that of my colleague David Lindsay, Additional Inspector, on 29 November 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.

It was particularly useful to talk to pupils. The school modifies the curriculum to meet their needs and interests very well within the constraints imposed by the school's location. Links with the further education college are usefully extending pupils opportunities. Provision for vulnerable young people is well supported by the South Lakes Federation. Many pupils are enjoying their Key Stage 4 courses. They are well informed about options and some pupils are able to undertake opportunities that directly influence their career choice. We discussed the limited availability of work placements and further opportunities to develop work experience.

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

Gina White
Her Majesty's Inspector