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Dear Mr Freedman

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 28 November 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.

The Castle School demonstrates its commitment to the development of the 14-19 curriculum in the way it contributes effectively to the local educational partnership. It has a well established vocational programme that allows for a suitable range of academic, vocational and work related pathways to be built around the needs of its learners. In this way it is laying sound foundations for further successful 14-19 work.

Though academic guidance is well delivered and leads to outstanding achievement at Key Stage 4, learners entering Key Stage 5 do not receive the full range of advice and information on vocational opportunities open to them.

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