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Dear Mr Bennet

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 28 November 2007 as part of our survey on 14-19 developments in the local area. I enjoyed visiting the college.

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.

Strode College has developed its curriculum appropriately to meet the needs and interests of young people in the local area. It has developed a good range of progression pathways for students to higher education, providing appropriate guidance and support. Its work with students aged 14-16 is successful and it enjoys productive links with local schools.

The commitment and continued support of the college are contributing greatly to the successful planning and preparation for taking forward the 14-19 reforms in the local area. In particular, the lead taken by the college, the sharing of resources and the expertise of the college have been important features in the recent gateway bids.

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