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Dear Mr Goy

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 22 January 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.

Henley College is working well with local schools to meet the needs of young people within Coventry. There is evidence, that programmes which are targeting disaffected young people are effective in re-engaging them in education and training. You have a good range of programmes on offer for 14–16 year olds. Working relationships with schools are good and lead to programmes which meet learners' needs. Your work with Woodway School is particularly good.

Access to your programmes for 14–16 year olds varies from school to school. In some schools all young people have an open choice about their options, whilst others learners are selected by the school. You consider the local authority has been effective in driving the 14–19 strategy particularly in the way that it has enabled an agreement with schools and the college to harmonise some aspects of timetables.

The college is inclusive, meeting the needs of learners. In particular the programme aimed at young people who have left school with low GCSE grades is effective in raising their self esteem and confidence.

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

Ian Handscombe
Her Majesty's Inspector