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Dear Mr Vincent

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 06 February 2008 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.

The college has played a sound strategic role in the partnership for taking forward the 14-19 reforms in the local area. The college has developed its curriculum appropriately to meet the needs and interests of young people in the local area. This includes the expansion of its courses below level 3 and vocational courses and a 14 - 16 programme with high success rates. Work with Connexions to reduce the numbers of young people not in employment, education and training at 16 is developing well. Particular strengths include collaboration and communication with local schools, including regular progress updates for young learners attending the 14 -16 programme at the college. Post 16 students at the college value highly the quality of the feedback they receive about their progress through the helpful tutorial sessions.

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

Meena Wood
Her Majesty's Inspector