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Mr L Harris Headteacher Blakewater College Shadsworth Road Blackburn Lancashire BB1 2HT

Dear Mr Harris

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Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff and students during my visit on 06 February 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.

Your students are confident young people with high aspirations. They are making good progress in their work and the guidance they receive is preparing them well for the decisions they will have to make about the next stage in their education. Those I spoke to were appreciative of the care and support the school provides and pleased with their courses. They also commented on the opportunities the school provides outside of lessons to broaden their awareness of the world of work and the diversity of society.

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

**Brian Dower** Additional Inspector