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Dear Mr Jones

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 Tuesday 4 March 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.

Bromley 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 vocational courses, courses below level 3 and a successful 14-16 programme. Success rates across 16-18 courses are increasing. Particular strengths include strong collaboration with local schools and good links with employers and Educational Business Partnership in developing work based learning with good success rates. The college communicates well with schools using electronic tracking systems to provide regular progress updates for young learners attending the 14-16 programme at the college.

The college is working collaboratively with schools and the Connexions service, to reduce the numbers of young people not in employment, education and training at age 16. Progression to apprenticeship programmes from the 14-16 programme is good. Learners on 14-16 and 16-18 courses at the college reported that they value greatly the quality of the courses they attend and much prefer the practical 'hands on' learning styles.

The college appears highly committed to closer working with schools, work based providers and employers and has a sound strategic role in the local area partnership.

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