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Dear Mrs Buhler-Willey

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 the 04 March 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 spoke highly of their 14-16 education. Vocational provision has increased over the last three years and is meeting their needs. They enjoy the challenge of their courses, several of which are delivered in partnership with other schools. Careers fairs, open days with partner institutions and students' willingness to find out are contributing positively to the quality of information, advice and guidance. Students have good relationships with teachers and readily seek out their advice before making their decisions about courses. I was impressed with the students I met; they are mature and independent minded young people who have high aspirations and the intellectual ability and personal qualities to realise them. The school is playing an active part in the local 14 to 19 partnerships and the existing collaborative arrangements are good.

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