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Dear Mr Waddington

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 27 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.

Hartlepool College of Further Education offers a wide range of learning opportunities, with good progression routes. A particularly strong emphasis is placed on inclusion and the development of learning to meet the needs of the local labour market. The college works effectively with local schools and other providers to develop a comprehensive 14-19 curriculum. Common timetabling is currently being developed with two local schools, but is not yet fully embedded across the area. Learning support is very effective in helping learners to achieve and make good progress. The college is highly inclusive. Individual learning programmes are well developed and used effectively to support those learners most at risk of not continuing in education, employment or training. Partnership working is strong and the college is highly committed to the 14-19 agenda. Close working with all 14-19 providers and the Connexions service is providing many learners with satisfactory information, advice and guidance. This aspect needs to be further developed to ensure all learners receive good information advice and guidance from all providers.

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

Elaine Clinton
Her Majesty's Inspector