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Dear Mr Wells

#### 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 Sixth Form College has engaged strongly with the 14-19 agenda and works particularly collaboratively with employers, learners and the local labour market to develop 14-19 provision. Very effective use is made of learner support to raise standards and enable learners to achieve well and make progress. Individual programmes are well developed for the most vulnerable learners, enabling them to gain in confidence and progress. Value added for most learners is improving. Joint working with local schools and higher education institutions is proving effective in driving up the quality of teaching and learning and in developing a wide range of progression routes in the local area. Equality and diversity are well promoted and embedded in the curriculum. Whilst the college works closely with the Connexions service and other providers who deliver information advice and guidance, it should ensure that all parties fully understand the range of curriculum offer available for 14-19 year olds, and the progression routes that they provide.

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