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Dear Mr Andain

Ofsted subject survey: identifying good practice in The International Baccalaureate programme

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff and students, during my visit on 28 April to look at work in the International Baccalaureate programme.

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 without their consent.

The evidence used to inform the judgements made included: visits to lessons, discussions with students and staff, review of documentation and students' work.

Features of good practice observed included:

- the commitment of all staff to the wide range of benefits for students in providing the International Baccalaureate, which is supported by good staff development
- the additional opportunities and broad learning experience provided by the International Baccalaureate, for example the overseas residential visit to India
- the good support and guidance given to students in choosing appropriate options in each of the International Baccalaureate elements and progression at age 18
- the good personal development of pupils as shown in their positive attitude to the course, their increased confidence and well presented ideas during class discussions
- much good teaching with a broad range of activities and some effective teacher questioning to develop students' understanding.

Area for development that we discussed:

- students' progress in the International Baccalaureate, a high proportion did not meet their target grades in 2007
- the attainment in the International Baccalaureate , which is below the international average.

I hope these observations are helpful as you continue to develop the International Baccalaureate programme.

As I explained previously, a copy of this letter will be sent to your local authority/Local Learning and Skills Council and will be published on Ofsted's website. It will also be available to the team for your next institutional inspection.

Yours sincerely

Bev Barlow
Her Majesty's Inspector