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Dear Mr Howell

Ofsted subject survey: identifying good practice in Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff, during my visit on 03 July 2008 to look at work in PSHE.

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: discussions with staff and students, observation of three lessons and scrutiny of subject documentation and students' work.

Features of good practice observed

- PSHE is very well led and managed by an experienced and dedicated subject leader, well supported by you.
- The college has a strong vision for PSHE as represented by whole college policy and ethos.
- The excellent curriculum is enriched by appropriate resources, visiting speakers, extra-curricular events and activities.
- Students have good knowledge and understanding in PSHE particularly in the areas of staying safe and healthy and careers education.
- There is a good balance of subject knowledge and skills development which is well supported by other subjects across the curriculum.

Areas for development:

- embed monitoring and evaluation of teaching and learning in PSHE
- ensure future sustainability in leadership and management.

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to develop PSHE in the college.

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

Yours sincerely

Janet Palmer  
Her Majesty's Inspector