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Dear Mr Rosner

Ofsted survey inspection programme – 14-19 reforms

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff and learners during my visit on 26 September 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.

The college has demonstrated its commitment to local community and partnership working, and overall is making a good contribution to the development of the Diploma across the consortium. Links between the consortium members are strong.

The new Diploma has been well planned and its structure makes very good use of the college's high quality facilities and resources. The planned inclusion of a University partner to teach one unit of the level 3 Diploma is innovative.

Teaching on the level 3 Diploma is good. The level of understanding among level 3 learners about the Diploma, its benefits and their progression routes is good. In-lesson attainment by these learners at this very early stage is also good.

The level 2 learners were less able to explain their choice of course or the benefits they expected as a result. The lesson observed on the level 2 Diploma was less successful.

Learners interviewed were not aware of the 14-19 on-line prospectus. The proportion of female learners on the level 3 Diploma was disappointingly low.

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

Nick Gadfield
Her Majesty's Inspector