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Dear Sir William

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 01 October 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.

Phoenix High School has fully demonstrated its commitment to working productively with its partners, and is making a good contribution to the development of the Diploma across the consortium. Links between the consortium members are strong.

Teaching on the new Diploma is good, and in one observed lesson, outstanding. Students are very polite, well behaved and enthusiastic about their learning and the new course. Their level of understanding about the Diploma, its benefits and progression routes is good. In-lesson attainment at this very early stage is also good.

The new Diploma has been well planned and makes very good use of high quality specialist facilities and resources, including the school's links with major employers. Phoenix High School has been successful in encouraging a higher proportion of girls to take up the level 1 diploma than is traditionally the case in information technology (IT) subjects.

Learners interviewed were not aware of the 14-19 online prospectus that is intended to support their choice of options.

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