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Dear Mr Ashman

Ofsted survey inspection programme – 14-19 reforms

Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of your staff and students, 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.

Overall, the contribution the college is making towards the implementation of the Creative and Media Diploma and functional skills by the consortium is good. I outline the main findings as bullet points below.

The main strengths are:

- successful recruitment of students from the pupil referral unit to foundation diplomas
- stimulating engagement of a wide range of local employers to give both teachers and students a strong work-related focus for their work
- adventurous collaborative arrangements through the Creative and Media Diploma with local schools to make best use of specific resources and teaching expertise
- very good organisation and implementation of functional skills in the work-related context of diploma teaching and learning.

Areas for further development:

- incomplete arrangements between college and schools to share information on students.

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

Alan Marsh  
Her Majesty's Inspector