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Mr K Warman Principal BSix Brooke House Sixth Form College Kenninghall Road London E5 8BP

Dear Mr Warman

Ofsted survey inspection programme – 14-19 reforms

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff and students, during my visit on 29 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.

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:

- good integration and contextualisation of functional skills within assignments and projects
- stimulating engagement of a wide range of local employers to give both teachers and students a strong work-related focus for their work
- strong emphasis on inter-disciplinary activity that opens students' imaginations to creative possibilities
- enthusiastic and committed students.

Areas for further development:

- lack of visibility or value of the on-line prospectus for students' use
- inconsistency in the way teachers take into account the variable prior attainment, creative experiences and learning needs of individual 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