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Dear Ms Pugh

Ofsted survey inspection programme – 14-19 reforms

Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of your staff and learners during my visit on 12 November 2008 as part of our survey on 14-19 developments in North Suffolk.

The visit provided valuable information on the implementation of the advanced engineering Diploma 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 Diplomas by the consortium is good. I outline the main findings as bulleted points below.

The main strengths are:

- the well-developed schemes of work, showing clear links to personal learning and thinking skills and function skills, for the advanced Diploma units delivered by the college
- the carefully designed activities and scenarios used in training sessions to explore and develop learners' understanding of engineering and business related principles
- well-structured assessment practices with useful feedback to learners
- effective links with consortium partners and local employers.

Area for further development:

- clarifying the plans for the parts of the Diploma being delivered by home schools so students do not have different experiences.

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

Joy Montgomery
Her Majesty's Inspector