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Ms J Triska Headteacher Oakwood High School Chatsworth Road Ellesmere Park Manchester M30 9DY

Dear Ms Triska

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 03 December 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 school is making towards the implementation of the Creative and Media Diploma and functional skills by the consortium is excellent. I outline the main findings as bullet points below.

The main strengths are:

- a very strong commitment to Diploma development as a valuable pathway for Oakwood's students
- excellent promotion and implementation of the Level 1 Creative and Media Diploma course
- effective work within the partnership to ensure the establishment of a good programme of work for the Creative and Media Diploma
- the excellent promotion of inclusion through the involvement of entry-level students in Creative and Media Diploma lessons
- the excellent teaching and learning strategies seen employed by all Creative and Media Diploma staff during lessons
- the excellent attitudes and self-motivated approaches of students currently taking the course.

Areas for further development:

the more effective promotion of the on-line prospectus for students' use.
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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

Michael Miller Additional Inspector