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Dear Mrs Halbert

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 02 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 college is making towards the implementation of the Construction and Built Environment Diploma is good. I outline the main findings as bullet points below.

The main strengths are:

- good resources including a purpose-built skills centre, well used information and communication technology (ICT) resources and an increasing range of simulated work environments
- very good teaching that is very well planned and results in effective learning
- very effective integration of the development of literacy skills across the programme
- good team work between teachers, supported by specialists from the industry, providing a new and exciting learning experience for students.

Area for further development:

- further integration of functional skills into principal learning.

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

Jan Bennett
Her Majesty's Inspector