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Mr R Bain Headteacher Sandhill View School Grindon Lane Thorney Close Sunderland SR3 4EN

Dear Mr Bain

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 03 December 2008 as part of our survey on 14-19 developments in Sunderland.

The visit provided valuable information which will contribute to our national evaluation and reporting. This report, which will be produced in the summer of 2009, will highlight good practice and identify improvements to be made. Published reports are likely to list the names of the contributing institutions, but individual institutions will not be identified in the main text.

The school works very effectively with other collaborative partners, as one of the 17 schools leading a Diploma line. It was particularly useful to observe a functional skills maths session, meet students and have a chance to discuss the Diploma developments with yourself and colleagues. The students I spoke to valued the good support and information advice and guidance they receive.

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

Bob Hamp Her Majesty's Inspector