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Dear Mr Porteous

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 10 December 2008 as part of our survey on 14-19 developments in Bolton.

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.

It was useful to observe a functional skills English session, meet students and have a chance to discuss the Diploma and functional skills developments with you and your colleagues. The students I spoke to valued the work they were undertaking in functional skills.

Can you also extend my thanks to the students who explained their extended project work with great enthusiasm and clarity. I found this session particularly interesting and rewarding.

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