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Dear Mrs Mort

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 09 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 Society Health and Development Diploma and functional skills is good. I outline the main findings as bullet points below.

The main strengths are:

- good planning to ensure implementation of the Diploma
- good tracking and monitoring of learner progress
- wide ranging development opportunities and sharing of good practice across the Calderdale collaborative
- strong emphasis on the development of individual learning.

Areas for further development:

- further involvement of employers in the teaching of principal learning to enhance knowledge and development.

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

Elaine Clinton  
Her Majesty's Inspector