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Dear Mr Earley

Ofsted survey inspection programme – 14-19 reforms

Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of your staff and learners during my visit and that of my colleague Clive Moss HMI on 27 January 2009 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.

Devonport High School for Boys is making a very good contribution to the development of a broad curriculum across Plymouth. Links with other schools and the college of further education are good. The school is successfully developing applied learning opportunities within the engineering Diploma. A good start has been made to developing functional skills and clear plans are in place to incorporate personal thinking and learning skills into all curriculum areas.

Students are enthusiastic and enjoy the activities that form part of the engineering Diploma as well as the enrichment activities that extend students' experiences. However, at present they are unsure about what is required for some components of the qualification, and when they will be delivered.

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

Joy Montgomery
Her Majesty's Inspector