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Ms L Austin Headteacher Swanlea School 31 Brady Street London E1 5DJ

Dear Ms Austin

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Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of Brenda Landers who supported my visit on 03 March 2009 as part of our survey on 14-19 developments in the local area. Thanks also to your staff and students who were also very helpful during the visit.

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.

Swanlea School has demonstrated a clear strategy and commitment to making the Diploma successful. The level 2 Diploma in IT is well organised and there was robust selection of the young people who would be successful and represent an ideal role model for their peers. There is innovative use of these young people as ambassadors for the Diploma, especially at option events and school assemblies. Young people on these programmes have developed improved vocational and social skills together with employability skills and speak positively about their improved confidence and self-esteem.

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

Barry Barrett-Mold Additional Inspector