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Dear Mr Clinton

Ofsted survey inspection programme – 14-19 reforms

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff and students during my visit on Tuesday 05 February 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.

The college is demonstrating strong strategic partnership working. The commitment and continued support of the college are contributing significantly to the successful planning and preparation for taking forward the 14-19 reforms in the local area.

Blackburn College works very successfully with local schools. The provision for students aged 14 to 16 is excellent and meets the needs and interests of a range of learners. Particular strengths are the projects with vulnerable groups and those who are underachieving at school. These are having a positive impact on the number of young people staying in education, employment or training. The college shows a very strong commitment to inclusion. Learners are very positive about the high quality support and advice they receive. They also comment on how the college is flexible in meeting their needs. Clear pathways for progression are in place and contribute positively to raising learners' aspirations.

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

Davinder Dosanjh  
Her Majesty's Inspector