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Dear Mr Baldwin

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 02 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 (SHD) Diploma and functional skills is outstanding. I outline the main findings as bullet points below.

The main strengths are:

- outstanding progress in implementing the Diploma; particularly notable as the school took over the line leadership in June 2008
- strong partnership working
- good integration and contextualisation of functional skills in lessons and assignments
- stimulating engagement of a wide range of local employers to give both teachers and students a strong work-related focus for their work
- good access to high quality resources
- well planned and delivered lessons that effectively engage learners.

Areas for further development:

- work with Connexions personal advisers to ensure that they have a detailed knowledge and understanding of all aspects of the Diploma
- taking action to increase the number of males participating in the SHD Diploma.

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