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Dear Ms Bannerman

Ofsted survey inspection programme – 14-19 reforms

I write following the visit of myself and Paul Joyce to your college on 10 December 2008. It was good to meet you and discuss the interesting plans for the future. Please pass on my thanks to all staff for their hospitality and cooperation during my visit. Please also thank the learners who were involved in the visit, as part of our survey on 14-19 developments in Bolton.

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 has embraced the 14-19 reforms and demonstrates a strong commitment to local partnership working. The college plays a leading role in Diploma development and implementation groups and has contributed significantly to the design of a quality assurance framework.

Good initial advice and guidance are provided to learners through a number of informative publications and by a series of events that enable learners to experience different courses and to discuss option choices. The effective use of initial assessment allows learners to be placed on appropriate Diploma line levels and learners feel well supported by their 'pals'. The use of a common application form is well understood by all parties.

Facilities for the teaching of the construction and the built environment Diploma at the Farnworth Campus are good. The construction and the built environment Diploma at level 1 is well planned and uses a range of teaching methods to motivate and engage students, who produce work of a high standard.

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

Bob Hamp
Her Majesty's Inspector