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Dear Parents

A VERY GOOD REPORT FROM OFSTED

Thanks to our fantastic students, the hard work of our dedicated staff and the invaluable support from yourselves as parents, Governors and the Local Authority, Featherstone Technology College has been formally recognised as providing a good education for all its students.

This booklet contains the full report of the Ofsted Inspection that took place on the 27th and 28th April 2009, which was based on the mountain of evidence that the Inspectors collected during the inspection. Inspectors talked to groups of students, looked at their work, saw our teachers teach, interviewed those of us with management and leadership responsibilities and of course diligently considered all the responses from parents. Having carefully combined all the information available to them, including our impressive improvements in achievements of individual students and GCSE results overall, they were confident that they had arrived at a true and accurate picture of the college. We, of course, see the need to improve further, and therefore remain tightly focused on giving your children an even better deal while they are with us at Featherstone Technology College.

For your convenience, I have included a few highlights from the attached report that might be of special interest to you as parents:

- The college provides a good education for all its students. They feel safe, enjoy their education and benefit from a calm and secure learning environment.
- Students' personal development is good. They behave well, both in lessons and around the college. Students have a good understanding of how to lead a safe and healthy lifestyle, a strength that has been recognised in the Healthy Schools award.
- The good quality of teaching and learning is the major factor underpinning students' good achievement. Relationships between teachers and students are good and teachers plan carefully to engage students' interest and maintain their concentration.
- Students experience a curriculum which is well matched to their needs and interests.
- Leadership and management of the college are good overall and the trend of rising standards indicates good capacity for further improvement.
- The college had benefitted from strong partnerships and provides good value for money.

We will continue to keep you informed of the many wonderful things that your child(ren) achieve and the progress the college is making through our termly magazines, termly reports, monthly newsletters, Awards Ceremonies and Presentation Evenings.

Assuring you of our best interests for your child(ren)

Yours sincerely

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Principal