



# Downs View Life Skills College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware we received a monitoring visit from Ofsted just before half term. We have now received the final report. The report is extremely positive and recognises all of the work that has gone into establishing the Life Skills College. I have attached the full report but wanted to highlight some key statements that I feel are especially important and reflect the key principles of the college:

*'Learners feel very safe in the college.'*

*'Leaders have tailored a curriculum which meets the needs of learners'*

*'...prepares learners well for employment and/or more independent living in adulthood when they leave the college.'*

Adrian established the college in 2015 and it has grown from very small roots to a thriving provision. This is due to Adrian's vision in establishing it and also to the commitment of Raul who has led the on-site provision from the start. All of the staff team have been instrumental in its development and ensure that the needs of all of the learners are met on a daily basis.

Whilst the report is positive, it is a monitoring visit so we will continue to develop the provision to ensure that it meets the needs of our growing population. We would expect Ofsted to return within 2 years for a full inspection where we will receive a grading.

The most important part of the college is our learners, it is their continual enthusiasm for learning that ensures we keep moving forward.

Thank you to everyone that is part of the college for their ongoing commitment.

Best Wishes

*Vanessa*

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