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Dear Mr Hodgkinson

### **Ofsted 2013 survey inspection: Competitive School Sport**

Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of your staff during my visit on 13 February 2014 to look at competitive school sport.

The visit provided valuable information which will contribute to our publication about best practice in competitive school sport. The publication will include case studies in individual schools. If your school is included, you will have an opportunity to comment prior to publication. Individual institutions will not be identified in the main text without their consent.

The evidence gained from meetings with you, your Head of Physical Education (PE), a group of students and observations of students in lessons and in extra-curricular sports activities confirmed a number of features that enable you to provide a good level of competitive school sport. These include:

- High quality teaching in lessons and coaching of specific sports skills outside of lessons that promotes both individual and school success in a wide range of competitive sports activities.
- The ability of your PE staff to identify individual talent in students within lessons and team practices. These pupils are then encouraged and assisted to participate in sport at club level to perform at a higher, more competitive level.
- The enthusiasm and commitment of your students who participate in competitive sport. They play to the best of their ability, demonstrate sportsmanship, fair play and endeavour.

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to develop competitive school sport.

Yours sincerely

Philip Mann  
**Her Majesty's Inspector**