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Dear Mr Martin,

I am delighted to inform you that as a result of the verification visit in May 2013, The Redruth School has been awarded the Specialism Quality Mark at the level of Extending in Physical Education.

Congratulations to you and your colleagues on your significant achievement in your area of excellence. I observed many strengths as discussed at the visit. Some of the main aspects include the following:

- There is undoubtedly very strong and vibrant practice of the specialism, such as the effective use of new technologies to support progress and increase pupil motivation. Craig Bonds provides inspirational leadership for the subject teachers within the large PE department, many of whom undertake extensive and high level sporting activities outside of their school practice, encouraging pupil uptake further;
- There are high quality learning opportunities in the specialist related areas both within lessons and throughout the wider curriculum: the evidence of the impact of this can be seen not only through pupil outcomes in KS4 and 5 but also through pupils' feedback. Parents are attracted to the school through the strengths in the specialism and the Mayor feels that the school has supported the transformation of the community for the better. Pupils appreciate and value both the breadth of curriculum but also the extensive opportunities offered to them: both aid the progress made by pupils in both the specialist subject areas but also in their wider skill development and motivation across their other subjects;
- Support to partners is of a high quality and has clear impact in improving subject-related teaching and learning skills in both feeder but also local secondary schools. The focused and enthusiastic approach for the power and impact of PE is palpable. The PE team have led training in addition to supporting local secondary and primary schools to improve the quality of their teaching in PE.

The areas for development that I suggest should now be addressed in order that the school will make further progress are:

- To actively seek to make greater links with educators at every key stage and beyond in addition to business partners at local, national and international level in order to provide supplementary and current value to the teaching in the specialist areas;

- To further develop and refine the use of effective data to support improvements in the quality of teaching for all;
- To continuously enhance the learning opportunities created through the vehicle of the specialist area by considering further activities suitable for all stakeholders, particularly at KS3 level and to continue to narrow the gap between the performance of those entitled to the Pupil Premium funding and those who are not.

I am keen to thank you and your colleagues once again for your very warm welcome and successful and well organised application.

With my sincere congratulations and all very best wishes,

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