# Sharing experiences from the ‘No Notice’ pilot inspection

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- 177 year history
- One of the largest providers of HE in FE sector for over 30 years
- 150 undergraduate & postgraduate degrees, plus a wide range of level 4,5 and 6 professional courses
- TDAP, Guild HE, AoC, MEG
- Direct contract with HEFCE
- Teacher Education
- Over 20,000 students in total
- Over 3,700 HE students
- Extensive FE curriculum – Vocational and Academic

# Ofsted ‘No Notice’ pilot

- It was a PILOT inspection
- The outcome is confidential at Ofsted’s request
- But… we did really well!
- We benefitted from £60k of free consultancy
- We had nothing to hide, but high risk

# Ofsted ‘No Notice’ pilot

- Absence of planning meeting
- Phone call at 9:30am by the lead HMI
- Pre inspection briefing on the day
- at 11:30am, 12 inspectors arrived in College
- Day 1, Monday, was a challenge for the College nominee
- Overall a fair process to assess of no notice worked
- Ofsted tried out new ways of undertaking inspection
- No notice didn’t work for Ofsted – *now 2 days*

# Teaching, Learning and Assessment

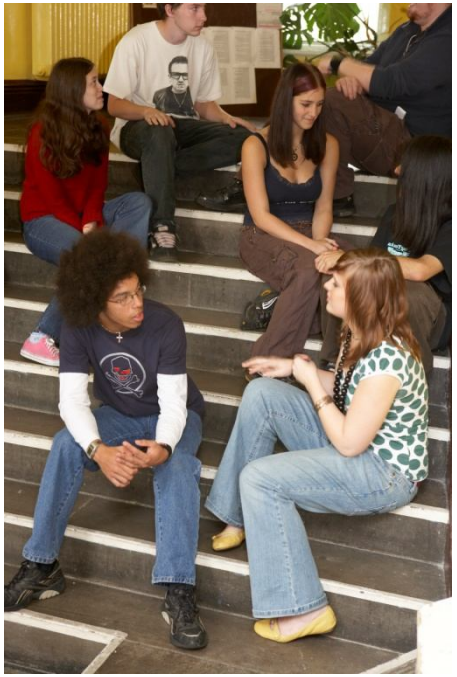
- Strong focus on Math's and English (in all curriculum areas i.e. grammar and spelling)
- Effectiveness of VLE – access, talked to teachers about VLE aiding learning
- Professionalism Agenda
- Extensive support and care provided by teachers
- Teacher feedback to students
- High expectations set & achieved in lessons
- Students' social, personal and employability skills
- Progression and destination data

# Leadership and Management

- Dynamic
- Strong QA including SAR
- Performance management
- Compliance where necessary
- Communicate expectations
- Celebrate success of staff and students
- Active promotion of equality and diversity
- Listen and respond to the student voice

# Tips

- Highly effective performance management and QA
- Robust SR including moderation
- All staff own the SAR
- Audit / Quality review planned in diary
- Know your data and own data
- Robust action planning
- Strive for excellence



# Thank you

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