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Sent by email to c.m.holdsworth@keele.ac.uk

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Dear Professor Holdsworth,

Re: Institutional Response: External Examiner Report 2014 – 2015

I am writing further to the receipt of your External Examiner's Report for the MSc/Diploma in Social Science Research Methods.

In accordance with our standard practice, a copy of the Report is being forwarded to the School concerned, who will use its contents to help inform its Annual Review and Enhancement process. The University is pleased to note your positive comments, including:

- 1. Your positive indications regarding the programme structure, academic standards and assessment process;**
- 2. Your particular commendation of feedback provided to students and your conclusion that students completing this MSc will have an excellent grounding for careers in social science research both within and outside of academia.**

Your Report does not appear to raise any specific issues that require a more detailed response. Accordingly, the School has not been asked to respond formally to the Report.

I hope that you will find this response satisfactory and we thank you for your continued support of the programme.

In order to meet the expectations of the QAA Quality Code, both the External Examiner Annual Report and this Institutional Response will be published on the University website and will be available publically.

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We are most grateful for your comments and for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Simon Wright
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