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RE. Westminster School

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Dear Don and the DR Team,

I am writing following my visit to a newly built wall at Westminster School, London.

My role was to train and assess local staff to be able to run roped climbing and bouldering activities for students on their new wall.

The wall at Westminster is not just a basic climbing wall plonked in a sports hall. It is a superbly thought out facility and has a layout that assists staff in having multiple groups easily supervised.

In my years of delivering training and assessment, I have seen many walls from all the main manufacturers and although most provide the basics of a good design often the initial customer brief, design and/or location, hinder activity and at times also make supervision relatively difficult. This time, you have built a real beauty and this was proven by the sheer enthusiasm shown by both the students and staff right from the first moments at the climbing wall. The width of the wall and its distinctive 2 section split design is brilliant and I congratulate the DR Team and Westminster School in coming together to creating such a useful facility.

Particular aspects that you have considered so well are; the mix of steep, walls and slab in the two bouldering areas, and the focussed top roping area that is suited for provision of the basic NICAS (National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme).

Thanks DR for building a real beaut',

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