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Dear Mrs Cahill

Ofsted subject survey: good practice in citizenship

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff, during my visit on 07 March 2008 to look at work in citizenship.

The visit provided valuable information which will contribute to our national evaluation and reporting. Published reports are likely to list the names of the contributing institutions, but individual institutions will not be identified in the main text without their consent.

The evidence used to inform the judgements made included: discussions with staff, students and a representative from the Stockport Ethnic Diversity Service; scrutiny of subject documentation and students' work.

Features of good practice observed

- Students have a well developed understanding of a wide range of citizenship issues including Britain's diversity.
- Work is well marked and accredited through the ADSAN award.
- All students research topical issues and participate in a range of active citizenship projects.
- The student voice is listened to and acted upon.
- The curriculum and teaching are of high quality; they are interactive, practical and varied.
- Leadership is excellent; citizenship is given high priority.

Areas for development

- Improve the provision for political literacy and law related education.

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to develop citizenship at the Centre.

As I explained previously, a copy of this letter will be sent to your local authority and will be published on Ofsted's website. It will also be available to the team for your next institutional inspection.

Yours sincerely

Janet Palmer  
Her Majesty's Inspector