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Dear Mr Burnley

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Social Responsibility and Community Cohesion

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during my colleagues' recent visit. We are particularly grateful to you and all your staff for the hard work involved in preparing for the visit and for giving up your time during the visit to meet them. Please pass on our thanks to all those concerned, including your students.

The visit provided much useful evidence for the further development of community cohesion. We noted, in particular:

- Senior leaders have created a very positive and inclusive ethos, forging strong links and relationships between the school and the wider local community.
- The curriculum is a considerable strength of the school and makes a significant contribution to developing pupils' social responsibility.
- The school's emphasis on philosophical enquiry and learning about language - and languages - enables pupils to develop their knowledge and understanding of cultural similarities and differences to a sophisticated level.
- As a result, pupils demonstrate an extremely mature, well-articulated sense of responsibility, independence and respect.

The published survey report will list the names of the contributing institutions in an appendix. Should we wish to cite specific aspects of the good practice observed on this visit in the form of a detailed case study, we will contact you first. We will notify you of the date of publication of the survey report when it is confirmed and provide you with details of any other arrangements to disseminate the survey's findings.

Yours sincerely

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Her Majesty's Inspector