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Dear Dr Adlard

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Social Responsibility and Community Cohesion

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during our 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 to meet us. 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:

- The very strong student commitment to college values of respect, fairness, tolerance and support for those in need.
- Good educational outcomes for all students with very few marked differences for particular groups.
- Strong promotion of a wide range of volunteering opportunities for students to develop their social responsibility.
- Particularly good initiatives to celebrate different faiths and cultures and to understand contemporary world issues.
- Good opportunities for young people to develop effective communication and advocacy skills.
- The need for a more speedy focus on some more controversial contemporary issues such as knife crime.

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

Fred Brown
Her Majesty's Inspector