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Dear Ms Evans

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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 during the visit 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:

- Strong school leaders who know their diverse communities very well and have been successful in bringing parents from these on to the governing body; and also involving them in a range of learning opportunities, both in school and in the wider community: for example, fathers' visits to the British Museum using public transport.
- The curriculum builds very well on its students' first language, using this to drive up standards, and has a strong focus on building students' confidence in their own cultural identities.
- Teachers' determination to raise aspirations is a significant strength: for example, taking Bangladeshi-heritage girls to meet medical students from similar backgrounds at a local higher education establishment; and a specific curricular initiative for Somali pupils and mathematics. Educational outings beyond the school widen horizons of students and parents.
- As a result, students are confident and proud of their heritage and languages. They already contribute well to their school and local communities, and are keen to learn how to contribute to the wider national and international communities.

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