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Dear Mr Head

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### Social Responsibility and Community Cohesion

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during my visit on 2 October 2008. I am particularly grateful to you and all your staff, particularly Jane O'Neill, for the hard work involved in preparing for the visit and for giving up your time during the visit to meet with me. Please pass on my thanks to all those concerned, including your students.

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

- Clear strategic leadership and strong promotion of equality and diversity within the college at all levels
- High and improving achievement rates and learning outcomes among all groups of learners including all Black and minority ethnic groups
- Effective collaboration with a broad range of partners including schools, the local authority, the police, the PCT and local community groups
- Innovative projects and initiatives that promote social responsibility and community cohesion
- The broad range of tutorial and enrichment activities and other cultural celebrations that promote community cohesion
- The effective programmes for teaching English for speakers of other languages which are embedded in vocational courses and take place in community venues
- Well established and effective student support structures that lead to a safe college and promote social cohesion among all groups of learners.

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, you will be contacted 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