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Dear Mr Lawson

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Social Responsibility and Community Cohesion

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during my recent visit on 2 December 2008. I am 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 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:

- The good development of your induction and tutorial programme to focus better on aspects of equality and diversity, citizenship and the 'respect agenda'.
- The good and productive partnerships you have with other agencies in developing effective community cohesion projects, in particular the Imam training and the Unity Peacemakers project.
- The effective promotion of 'the learner voice' through the student union and the wide range of possibilities learners are afforded to participate in decision making.
- We also discussed the need to develop further the capture and analysis of data in relation to learners' participation in extra-curricular and other college activities to support improvements.

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

William Baidoe-Ansah
Her Majesty's Inspector