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Dear Mr Allen

Ofsted Thematic Survey Programme 2008-09:

Social Responsibility and Community Cohesion

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during my recent visit. I am grateful to you and all your staff for their work 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:

Areas of good practice identified:

- The strong focus on meeting the Every Child Matters themes and creating a safe and friendly ethos in the college
- The broad range of partnerships and collaborative work that meets the needs of hard to reach learners
- The highly inclusive culture and effective student services that support learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities very well
- The wide range of procedures to ensure the learner voice is fully represented and taken seriously
- The good understanding of the needs of the local community and employers
- The clear focus on developing citizenship among learners.

Point for consideration identified:

- Success rates for all minority ethnic groups (apart from Chinese) are lower than for White 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. You will be notified of the date of publication of the survey report when it is confirmed and you

will be provided with details of any other arrangements to disseminate the survey's findings.

Yours sincerely

Tony Noonan
Her Majesty's Inspector