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Dear Ms Hoenig

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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:

- The good knowledge of local communities that ensures highly relevant courses meet the needs and aspirations of students.
- The good establishment and maintenance of strategic and learning partnerships, which promote students' learning and progression to further training, employment or community involvement.
- The learner involvement and consultation arrangements that promote a sense of belonging to the college and its community. These secure improvement and participation in cultural events and raise awareness of diversity.
- An area for improvement, already identified by WMC, is training students in representation and advocacy skills, so that they can contribute more effectively as student governors and representatives.

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