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Dear Ms Sutton

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Social Responsibility and Community Cohesion

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during my recent visit. I am particularly grateful to you and your staff for the hard work involved in preparing for the visit and for giving up your time 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. We noted, in particular:

- Very strong leadership and support for community cohesion throughout the College
- Good opportunities to promote shared values and open debate of sensitive and controversial issues
- Very good initiatives to promote the engagement and success of harder to reach groups
- Good development of learner communication and advocacy skills through voice and influence activities
- Very strong promotion of a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff.

Consider further:

- The evaluation of community cohesion initiatives and more systematic measuring of their impact
- The opportunities to build stronger links between young people's experience in secondary schools and college initiatives to promote social responsibility and community cohesion.

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

Fred Brown
Her Majesty's Inspector