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Dear Mr Gill

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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. I noted, in particular:

- The strong leadership of community cohesion initiatives, supported by good partnerships
- The good initiatives to target vulnerable groups and to develop employability skills
- The good use of tutorials and the enrichment programme to improve student awareness and understanding of community cohesion
- The effective measures to ensure a safe and positive learning environment.

Areas for further development:

- Improving the awareness of some students of opportunities to participate in voice and influence groups
- Developing further opportunities to celebrate different faiths and cultures.

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