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Dear Ms Arayan

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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 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 college's good understanding of its local communities and how it uses this to identify needs and to provide a responsive, inclusive and flexible curriculum
- The good strategies used to engage and to provide progression for learners who would otherwise not be in education, employment or training
- The good examples of activities in hairdressing and beauty therapy and European mobility projects that enable learners to engage with wider communities to build their confidence and skills
- The need to develop learners' representative skills so that they can contribute fully to the quality improvement of the college.

The published survey report will list the names of the contributing institutions in an appendix. Should Ofsted wish to cite specific aspects of the good practice observed on the 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 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