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Dear Ms McMahon

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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 social responsibility and community cohesion. I noted, in particular:

- Successful outcomes for particular groups including those from minority ethnic communities, young apprentices, 14-16 learners and those receiving additional support
- Good support and provision for new arrivals and second language speakers in learning English
- The very good strategy and initiatives to tackle worklessness through education and training
- Very good use of tutorial and enrichment programmes to promote tolerance, shared values and open debate
- The good whole college corporate approach to social responsibility.

Area for development:

- The further development of opportunities to celebrate a diverse range of 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

Fred Brown
Her Majesty's Inspector