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Dear Ms Dale

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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 very good awareness and understanding of local communities, to provide responsive courses through particularly successful partnership, collaboration and project working
- The very good development of students' representative skills that enables them to participate fully and inclusively in college life and contribute to quality improvement
- The well-resourced enrichment programme, supported by the Community Campus, that promotes a strong sense of belonging to the college and develops students' awareness and understanding of diversity, enabling them to contribute well to the college and their community
- The need to evaluate further the impact of community cohesion activities on students and the community.

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