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Dear Nigel, Becky, Olu and the Liberal Arts undergraduates,

I can't thank you enough for your time and effort on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March during our visit to the University.

Our pupils had a great time –having their eyes opened to life beyond Stepney Green. Many of them went home and had a conversation about University with their parents – which I know would not have happened without your commitment to this whole experience. Many of the parents asked me where Winchester was, as their child had spoken so animatedly about the day. The impact of this collaboration will be felt for a long time. Just giving the children the language to talk about their education and their dreams within their community is really powerful.

Olu – your drumming and dance made the day extra special – your 'stop pretending and start believing' session has stuck with us all and as one of the pupils said on the way home 'is that going to be your assembly theme for the next term?' ..Hmm, they know me so well!

It was made extra special by the pupils being met by the students who had already been to the school and could communicate and connect with the children's home and school context. Handstand, cartwheels and races on the ditch and rolling down the hill at Alwyn Hall – also made is really memorable. And the library system – wow!

Let's keep this partnership going!

Best wishes,

**Maria Lewington**  
Head teacher

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