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Dear Archie

I am writing to thank you for your contribution to the success of the UK Team at the International Youth Skills Olympics competition held in Lyon in October 1995. Achieving 3 gold medals, 1 silver, 2 bronze and 6 Diplomas of Excellence in addition to the whole team achieving an average mark above the international standard is an excellent result.

I understand the amount of sheer hard work and time commitment that is required before attending the Skills Olympics. Your enthusiasm to mould 26 individuals from all parts of the UK into a UK Team is recognised and does you credit. As you know I visited the competition and appreciate the tension and levels of stress incurred by the competitors during the competition especially with the public at such a close range. I know that you have to help individuals to cope with this and to maintain a confident, relaxed composure which is no easy task but one which you achieve. Your contribution to the Team's success is applaudable and I hope that you enjoyed the experience.

I am arranging a reception to celebrate the success of the UK Team and hope that you will be able to join me. An invitation will be sent to you shortly advising you of the details.

Once again many congratulations on a job well done.

A great tribute to you and Martin.
Yours sincerely
James Paice

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