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*Dear Mrs Vokins*

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.

As you know I visited the competition and I understand the amount of sheer hard work and time commitment that is required before attending the Skills Olympics, coaching competitors, producing projects and actually setting up the competition. I also appreciate the tension and levels of stress incurred during the competition when overcoming problems and other organisational difficulties especially with the public at such a close range. This makes the Team's achievement and your contribution even more applaudable.

I hope that you enjoyed the experience and brought back with you a knowledge of the skills of our international competitors that you will pass on to others.

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.

*Yours sincerely*

*James Paice*

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