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### **Area-Based Inspection**

**Corpus Christi College**  
**Belfast**

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## **AREA-BASED INSPECTION - WEST BELFAST AREA 2009: STRATEGIC PLANNING, COHERENCE IN LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an area-based inspection in Corpus Christi College, Belfast during March 2009.

The strengths and areas for improvement were identified as follows.

### **Strengths include:**

- the good arrangements within the organisation, and with other agencies, for the identification and reporting of the pupils' special educational needs;
- the good range of informal learning experiences to support and extend the pupils' learning beyond the classroom;
- the very good commitment of the staff to the pastoral needs of the pupils;
- the very good support of the Board of Governors and the parents for the work of the school within the area of West Belfast; and
- the good motivation and engagement of the pupils, when given the opportunity, to take responsibility for their learning, particularly when this is associated with the teacher explaining, at the outset of the lesson, the learning outcomes expected along with associated success criteria.

### **Areas for improvement are the need to:**

- review roles and responsibilities at all levels, and improve further the progression and coherence in the learning experiences of the pupils and the standards they achieve;
- monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the post-16 provision to ensure that the learning programmes provided meet the needs and career aspirations of the pupils; and
- improve the arrangements for monitoring and evaluation, making more extensive use of all relevant data on individual pupils, including that provided by the pupils' previous schools.

The overall composite report for the area-based inspection raises some important recurring areas for improvement. While these are not applicable in all the individual organisations, they are nevertheless important to address across the West Belfast area.

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