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Specialist School Baseline Inspection

**Cross and Passion College
Ballycastle**

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SPECIALIST SCHOOL BASELINE INSPECTION OF CROSS AND PASSION COLLEGE, BALLYCASTLE, CO ANTRIM, BT54 6LA (323-0227)

The Education and Training Inspectorate (Inspectorate) carried out an inspection as part of the specialist school survey in Cross and Passion College, Ballycastle in January 2008. The school chose sport as its specialist focus.

The school has identified appropriate and measurable targets and action plans for improvement to demonstrate that:

- physical education is an area of clear curricular strength where the teachers are highly committed to improvement and hold high expectations for the standards which all pupils should achieve; active learning strategies and information and communication technology are used well to promote the pupils' learning;
- sport has enabled the school to build upon its many strengths in raising achievement and promoting good teaching and learning, and whole-school improvement;
- the community plan involves successfully a wide range of key stakeholders in the local community; and
- the Principal, senior leadership team and heads of department provide outstanding leadership; they are hard-working and professional and seek to empower other staff and to raise the aspirations of the pupils.

The school is starting the Specialist School Programme from a strong baseline. The Inspectorate will continue to monitor the progress of the school as part of the Specialist Schools' programme.

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