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Specialist School Baseline Inspection

**St Ciaran's College
Ballygawley**

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SPECIALIST SCHOOL BASELINE INSPECTION OF ST CIARAN'S COLLEGE, BALLYGAWLEY, BT70 2LY (523-0152) (2009 COHORT 4)

The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out an inspection as part of the above survey in St Ciaran's College on 20 January 2010.

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

- that the specialism is an area of clear curricular strength, which has stable levels of attainment, which are well above the average for non-selective schools and where the quality of teaching observed was good to outstanding;
- how the strengths in the specialism, together with the innovative developments in the use of information and communication technology to support teaching and learning, have the potential to raise standards and levels of attainment;
- how they are using the specialism to develop and extend existing links with primary and post-primary schools, and the local college of further education, complementing the Area Learning Community plan;
- the links with the wider community, including local businesses and community care and, more widely, through fostering both cross-community and European links; and
- viable financial planning to allocate funding appropriately to staff and resources.

Furthermore, the school has effective arrangements in place to manage the initiative to meet the needs of the pupils and the wider community.

For the purpose of showing improvement more clearly the school needs to review the targets set in order to:

- extend the range and variety of business and enterprise-related courses at key stage 4 and post-16; and
- make more explicit the links between the specialist school plan and the school development plan especially in the proportion of pupils attaining five or more General Certificate in Secondary Education passes at grades A*-C including English and Mathematics over the next two years.

The Inspectorate will continue to monitor the work of the school as part of the Specialist Schools' Project.

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