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Specialist School Baseline Inspection

**St Columb's College
Derry**

January 2008

**SPECIALIST SCHOOL BASELINE INSPECTION OF ST COLUMB'S COLLEGE,
DERRY, BT48 8NH (242-0054)**

The school selected mathematics and computing as its specialism. The Education and Training Inspectorate (Inspectorate) carried out an inspection as part of the above survey in St Columb's College, Derry on the 17 January 2008.

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

- the good working relationships which exist in both aspects of its specialism which help develop the potential to bring about improvement both within the specialism and across all other areas of the curriculum;
- the strong emphasis placed by the Principal and the two Vice-principals on consulting with all staff and developing their understanding and commitment to the principles of this work; and
- the potential of the links between other schools in the area and the wider community, including business and industry.

For the purpose of showing improvement more clearly the school needs to review the targets and ensure the actions demonstrate:

- the procedures for identifying, promoting and disseminating more effective teaching and learning strategies in order to bring about improvement across all areas of the curriculum.

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

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