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Ballymena Academy

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AREA-BASED INSPECTION - BALLYMENA AREA 2009: STRATEGIC PLANNING, COHERENCE IN LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI), carried out an area-based inspection in Ballymena Academy during February 2009.

The strengths include:

- the very good strategic leadership and planning within the school;
- the outstanding culture of self-evaluation that guides and supports the development work of the school and action to promote improvement;
- the very good quality of care, guidance and support for the individual needs of the pupils;
- the very good integration of the formal and informal learning opportunities for the pupils;
- the very good provision and arrangements for transition of the pupils at key stages in their education; and
- the outstanding educational provision provided for the pupils which promotes high standards and appropriate levels of motivation, engagement and interest.

Although no significant areas for improvement are identified in this report, the composite report from the area-based inspection raises some broader issues which need to be addressed by all of the schools and organisations visited.

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