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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 De La Salle College, Belfast during March 2009.

The strengths and areas for improvement were identified as follows.

Strengths include:

- the strategic leadership of the Principal and other key personnel to meet the current and future needs of the pupils;
- the strategic planning for the implementation of collaborative learning and teaching, including the well-established links with a local post-primary school and the wider learning community;
- the outstanding quality of pastoral care for the pupils;
- the induction arrangements, and the learning and teaching provision at key transition stages;
- the mentoring programme in place to support and guide the pupils in their learning and attainment in examinations; and
- the pupils' appreciation of the dedication and commitment of the staff to support their progression into further and higher education and the world of work.

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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