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### **Area-Based Inspection**

**Dunclug College  
Ballymena**

**March 2009**

## **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 Dunclug College during March 2009.

### **The strengths include:**

- the very good strategic leadership and planning within the school;
- the very good transition arrangements, particularly for pupils transferring from primary school;
- the very good use of resources to promote social and educational inclusion and increase access to education and training that meets the needs of all young people;
- the very good quality of care, guidance and support for the individual needs of the pupils; and
- the very good promotion of the pupils' social involvement in formal and informal learning opportunities.

### **The area for improvement includes the need to:**

- continue to develop a wider range of teaching and learning strategies that promote the development of the pupils' skills, as identified appropriately by the school.

While only one specific area for improvement has been 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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