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**St Louise's Comprehensive College
Belfast**

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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 St Louise's Comprehensive College, Belfast during March 2009.

Strengths include:

- the outstanding strategic leadership and vision of the Principal supported by, and shared effectively with, key personnel to meet the current and future needs of learners, employers and the wider community;
- the pupils' appreciation of the dedication and commitment of the staff;
- the outstanding quality of care, guidance and support for the pupils;
- the consistent and coherent learning experiences of the pupils at key transition stages to meet individual needs;
- the culture of self-evaluation embedded within the school, including the use of internal and external data which enables the pupils to engage in realistic and individual career planning; and
- the wide-ranging curricular pathways which lead to employment and further and higher educational opportunities.

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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