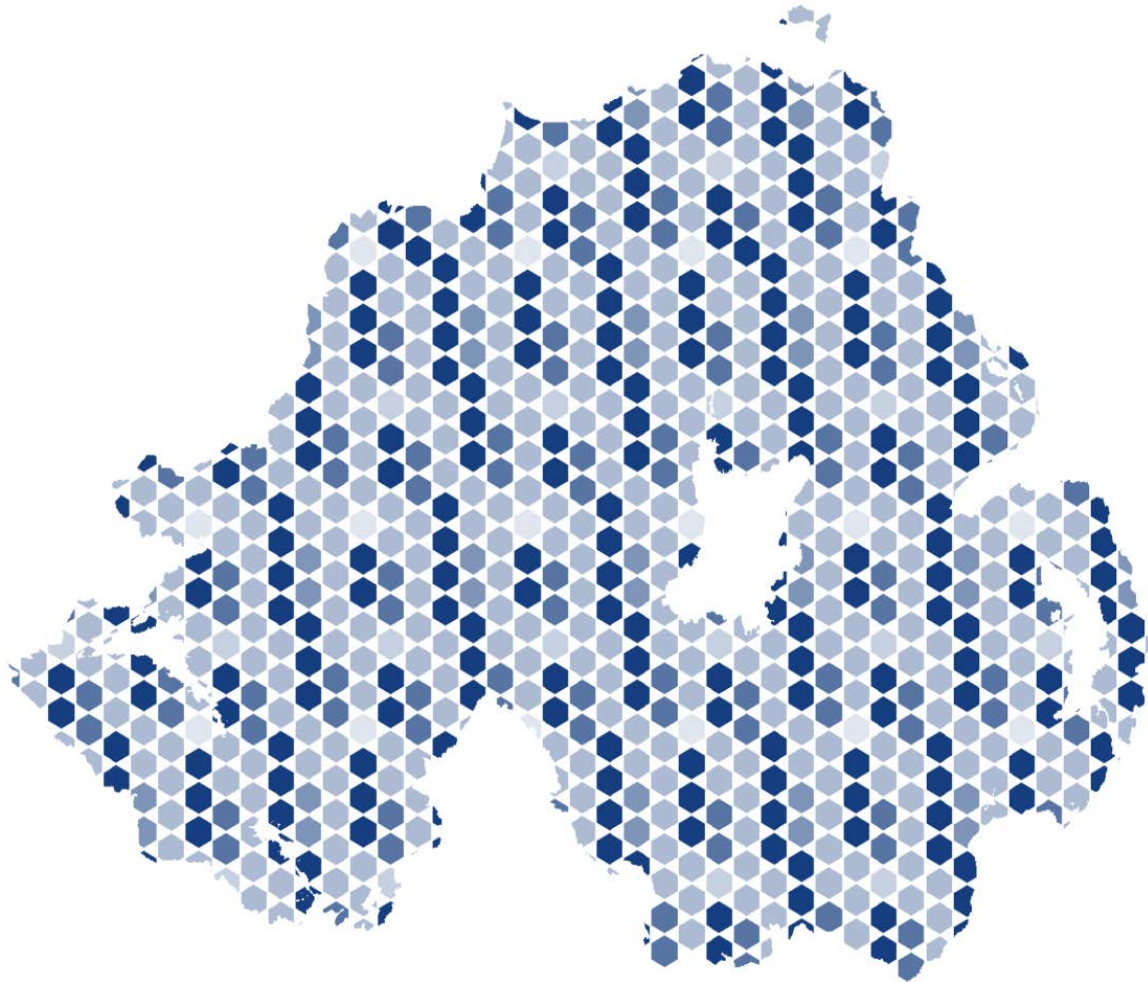


# POST-PRIMARY INSPECTION



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Maintained, co-educational

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## **Monitoring Inspection of St Ciaran's College, Ballygawley, County Tyrone (523-0152)**

### **Introduction**

The aim of the Monitoring Inspection is to evaluate the extent to which the leadership and management uses self-evaluation effectively to inform the development planning process in order to bring about improvement. The outcome of the inspection will inform future inspection activity.

### **Focus of the inspection**

The inspection focused on evaluating action to promote improvement and its impact on learning and teaching and outcomes attained by the pupils.

During the inspection, lines of enquiry were selected from the priorities identified in the school development plan; the school was asked to demonstrate if and how the actions taken have led to improvement for the pupils. The two key lines of enquiry focused on the school's actions to:

- facilitate all staff to evaluate procedures and practice that impact directly on pupils' commitment to learning, positive behaviour and further improving attendance; and
- maintain and strengthen St Ciaran's position as a school connected to its parents and wider community.

### **Key findings**

- A range of intervention strategies, including personalised learning and tightly tracked subject targets, have been implemented; as a result, the gender gap in outcomes attained by the pupils at GCSE level or equivalent narrowed significantly in the last two years. Pupil attendance, and their commitment to learning, have also improved.
- Significant work has been undertaken to maintain and strengthen connections with families and the wider community. The school has demonstrated creativity and initiative in reviewing and developing community links; as a result, links have been strengthened with a wide range of businesses and other organisations, leading to enhanced learning opportunities and other benefits for the pupils.

### **Safeguarding**

During the monitoring inspection, the school provided evidence that arrangements for safeguarding reflect the guidance issued by the Department of Education.

### **Conclusion**

At the time of the inspection, for the lines of enquiry selected, the school is identifying and bringing about the necessary improvements in the quality of education. This will be reflected in future inspection arrangements.

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