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**Carrickfergus College
Co Antrim**

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SPECIALIST SCHOOL BASELINE INSPECTION OF CARRICKFERGUS COLLEGE, CO ANTRIM, BT38 7QX (321-0091)

The Education and Training Inspectorate (Inspectorate) carried out an inspection as part of the above survey in Carrickfergus College in January 2008. The school chose business and enterprise as its specialist focus.

The school has identified appropriate and measurable targets for improvement to demonstrate:

- that the specialism of Business and Enterprise is an area of curricular strength, which has stable levels of attainment at key stage (KS) 4 and post-16 level;
- how the strengths in the specialism, such as relating and applying different aspects to the real world of work and to the economy, have the potential to promote quality learning and teaching and whole-school development; and
- how they will use the specialism to develop existing links with other schools and the wider community.

In particular, the local primary school principals endorse the quality and range of the shared and supported activities, such as Young Enterprise and Information and Communication Technology Accreditation at KS2.

For the purpose of showing improvement more clearly the school needs to review the targets set in order to be able to demonstrate, in a measurable way, how it will:

- develop and enhance its links with industry across the curriculum;
- develop the ethos of business and enterprise across the work of the College; and
- the school also needs to review how the planned investment in a hair and beauty salon will contribute to school improvement, particularly in the levels of attainment by boys at KS3 and KS4.

The Inspectorate will continue to monitor the work of the school as part of the Specialist Schools' Programme.

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