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Specialist School Baseline Inspection

**Loreto College
Coleraine**

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SPECIALIST SCHOOL BASELINE INSPECTION OF LORETO COLLEGE, COLERAINE, CO LONDONDERRY, BT51 3JZ (342-0034)

The Education and Training Inspectorate (Inspectorate) carried out an inspection as part of the specialist school survey in Loreto College, Coleraine in January 2008. The school chose science as its specialist focus.

The school has identified appropriate and measurable targets and action plans for improvement which demonstrate that:

- science is an area of clear curricular strength; the teachers are highly committed to improvement and hold high expectations for the standards which all pupils should achieve;
- the teachers make excellent use of information and communication technology to support the pupils' learning;
- the standards achieved by the pupils are very good;
- the participation in enrichment activities such as local and national science and technology competitions and the in-house Science Week stimulate and extend the pupils' interest in science;
- the community plan involves successfully neighbouring primary and post-primary schools and some local businesses; and
- the Principal and the Senior Leadership Team provide effective leadership based on their knowledge of, and vision for, the school.

The wider use of available internal and external data to set targets for improvement is an area for development.

The school is starting the Specialist School Programme from a strong baseline. The Inspectorate will continue to monitor the progress of the school as part of the Specialist Schools' programme.

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