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**Specialist School Baseline Inspection
(Cohort 4)**

**St Dominic's High School
Belfast**

April 2010

**SPECIALIST SCHOOL BASELINE INSPECTION OF ST DOMINIC'S HIGH SCHOOL,
BELFAST, BT12 6AE (142-0029)**

The Education and Training Inspectorate (Inspectorate) carried out an inspection as part of the above survey in St Dominic's High School on 14 and 15 April 2010.

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

- that the English and Drama departments are areas of clear curricular strength, which have stable levels of attainment;
- how the strengths in English and Drama have the potential to promote quality teaching and learning and whole-school development;
- how they will use English and Drama to develop existing links with other schools, Further Education Colleges and the wider community; and
- viable financial planning to allocate funding.

Furthermore:

- the quality of teaching and learning observed was outstanding or very good in a majority of classes; and
- the virtual learning (online) environment, introduced and funded as part of the school's participation in the Specialist Schools' Project, is having a positive impact on the quality of the pupils' information and communications technology and learning experiences.

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

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