



# Notre Dame

CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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## The college's Self-assessment Report for 2008/09

### Outcomes for Learners

#### Our key strengths:

- Students enjoy their learning
- Students are successful across the range of qualifications offered by the college
- Students perform equally well across the broad range of social groups studying at the college
- Students benefit from a uniform approach to target setting which allows them to make progress across all their subjects
- Students are extremely successful in progressing internally within college and externally into Higher Education
- Students receive comprehensive careers guidance which contributes to their future economic and social well-being
- Dedicated staff are in place to support students with specific needs
- The college provides a very safe environment for students
- Students are made aware of the importance of being healthy so that they can make informed choices about their own well-being
- The college is extremely successful in ensuring students make a positive contribution to the wider community and maintaining the college's Catholic mission and ethos.

#### What we will be developing in 2010:

- The college will be focusing on ensuring that students achieve even higher grades in their subjects
- Our safeguarding procedures will be strengthened further, in line with revised national requirements
- The Tutorial programme will be refreshed with new resources and topics
- The college will be developing its contribution to the global community by working towards Fairtrade status.



## Quality of Provision

### Our key strengths:

- Students' literacy and numeracy needs are promptly assessed at the start of the academic year in order to identify the need for Learning Support
- There is an extensive and effective system of assessing student performance and students are set realistic and meaningful targets as part of an on-going monitoring process
- Students rate the quality of teaching and learning and the personal support they receive from staff as very effective
- The vast majority of teaching and learning is deemed either good or outstanding
- High quality ILT is used to support learning
- Staff have high levels of academic expertise
- The curriculum is inclusive and open to all, fully meeting the needs of the college's diverse community, and flexible enough to allow students ample progression opportunities
- Students are offered an outstanding range of imaginative enhancement opportunities which develop their social responsibilities
- There is an outstanding range of sporting activities, with high levels of participation and success
- The college has close links with partner schools, universities and local employers
- The curriculum ensures good opportunities for spiritual and moral development
- The college has a high profile and is heavily over-subscribed.

### What we will be developing in 2010:

- The college will be maintaining and developing high quality teaching and learning in order to ensure it stays successful.

## Leadership and Management

### Our key strengths:

- Leaders promote high standards
- There is a positive and supportive culture that aspires to excellence
- The college has invested heavily in improved accommodation and facilities to support learning
- The college has in place practices and procedures that strengthen safeguards for students
- There is a very strong commitment to Equality and Diversity and its promotion in the college
- The college employs a range of methods to engage with students and learner's views are assimilated into college processes in order to support quality improvements
- The college's self-assessment process is well-embedded and is instrumental in securing improvements in the quality of provision and outcomes for learners.

### What we will be developing in 2010:

- The college will be investigating further ways to enhance the profile of Equality and Diversity
- We will be continuing to develop innovative methods of engaging with students in order to support ongoing quality improvements.