

## ***INSPECTION TYPE:***

### ***WHOLE SCHOOL EVALUATION – April 2015, Published 7 January 2016***

A whole-school evaluation of management, leadership and learning (WSE-MLL) was undertaken in April 2015 in Saint Tiernan’s Community School.

Saint Tiernan’s Community School is a co-educational post-primary school serving the community of south County Dublin. A wide range of educational programmes is offered in the school. They include the Junior Certificate, the Junior Certificate School Programme (JSCP), Transition Year (TY), the established Leaving Certificate and the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA). The school participates in the Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS) initiative.

### ***Key Findings***

- The board of management is strongly committed to the ethos and overall welfare of the school and gives due attention to all aspects of school governance.
- Leadership opportunities have been devolved to and embraced by post holders and other members of staff.
- The curriculum is tailored to the needs of the student cohort and there is very good provision for students with additional educational needs.
- A strong ethos of inclusivity and care for students permeates all aspects of school life.
- The overall quality of teaching was good or very good; the main areas for development include differentiation, increasing learner autonomy and assessment practices.

The full report is published on the [Department of Education](#) website and is available for download.