

An Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna
Department of Education and Skills

Follow-Through Inspection

REPORT

Ainm na scoile/ School name	Rockwell College
Seoladh na scoile/ School address	Cashel Co Tipperary
Uimhir rolla / Roll number	65300D

Date of Evaluation: 16-05-2018



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FOLLOW-THROUGH INSPECTION

Follow-through inspections evaluate the progress a school has made on implementing main recommendations made in an earlier inspection rather than the overall educational provision that the school makes. Inspectors also advise the school on strategies and actions to enable them to fully address recommendations.

HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

During this inspection, the inspector evaluated the progress the school has made in implementing recommendations made in an earlier inspection under the following headings:

1. Progress achieved to date
2. Findings
3. Recommendations

Inspectors describe the quality of the progress made in each of these areas using the Inspectorate's follow-through quality continuum which is shown on the final page of this report. The follow-through quality continuum explains the terms used by inspectors when evaluating the school's progress in implementing recommendations.

CHILD PROTECTION

During the inspection visit, the following checks in relation to the school's child protection procedures were conducted:

1. The name of the DLP and the Child Safeguarding Statement are prominently displayed near the main entrance to the school.
2. The Child Safeguarding Statement has been ratified by the board and includes an annual review and a risk assessment.
3. All teachers visited reported that they have read the Child Safeguarding Statement and that they are aware of their responsibilities as mandated persons.

The school met the requirements in relation to each of the checks above.

ORIGINAL INSPECTION DETAILS		FOLLOW-THROUGH INSPECTION DETAILS	
Type: Subject Inspection - English Date of Inspection: 20 – 21 October 2016 Report Published? Yes		Date of Inspection: 16-05-2018	
Follow-through inspection activities			
The following activities took place in the course of the follow-through inspection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Principal • Interview with subject co-ordinators • Review of school documentation and records 			
Recommendation in original inspection report		Progress achieved to date on implementation of recommendation	
The school should support a sustained focus for continuing professional development (CPD) in the English department.		Very good progress The English department has been supported in engaging with CPD for the new Junior Cycle English specification. In addition, a whole-school focus for teaching and learning CPD is currently being examined by senior management. Beyond this, work has been undertaken on the continued development of teachers' practice in senior cycle English.	
Action in specified areas is required to improve the subject department plan.		Very good progress A very good subject department plan has been developed. This includes time-linked, common schemes of work. In addition, minutes of subject department meetings highlighted very good collaboration and discussion within the English team. Of particular note is very good work underway in senior cycle to ensure consistency of approach and good communication in support of ensuring quality learning outcomes for students.	
Recommendations with regard to compliance and improvement in the area of Junior Cycle English contained in the body of this report should be addressed.		Very good progress The English department has engaged with the relevant classroom-based assessments (CBAs) in English. Students are undertaking the collection of the student's texts as their second CBA in English. In addition, Subject Learning and Assessment Review (SLAR) meetings are underway and a facilitator's report on the most recent SLAR has been compiled.	
Summary of findings			
Very good progress has been made in addressing all recommendations made in the English subject inspection report.			
Recommendations			
No further recommendations arise in relation to the recommendations in the original report.			

The board of management was given an opportunity to comment in writing on the findings and recommendations of the report, and the response of the board will be found in the appendix of this report.

THE QUALITY CONTINUUM FOR FOLLOW-THROUGH INSPECTIONS
<i>Very good progress</i> indicates that appropriate action has been taken to address the recommendation, and that the action has fully achieved or will achieve the required outcome.
<i>Good progress</i> indicates that appropriate action has been taken to address the recommendation, and that substantial improvement has occurred, although further progress is necessary.
<i>Partial progress</i> indicates that some appropriate action has been taken to address the recommendation, and some improvement has occurred, but considerable further progress is necessary.
<i>No progress</i> indicates that no action has been taken, and that the original recommendation remains to be addressed.

Appendix

SCHOOL RESPONSE TO THE REPORT

Submitted by the Board of Management

Area 1 Observations on the content of the inspection report

The Board of Management acknowledges and welcomes the very positive report from the Follow-Through Inspection - English, of 16-05-2018.

Area 2 Follow-up actions planned or undertaken since the completion of the inspection activity to implement the findings and recommendations of the inspection.

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