

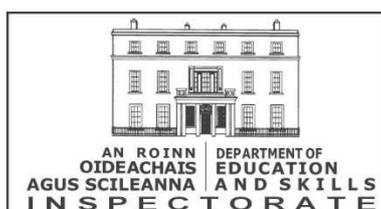
An Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna
Department of Education and Skills

Follow-Through Inspection
REPORT

St. Brendan's Community School,
Birr, Co. Offaly

Uimhir rolla: 91491L

Date of inspection: 20 May 2014



Date of publication of original report	Nov 2013	Type of original report	Subject Inspection Civic, Social and Political Education (CSPE)	Date of FT inspection	20 May 2014
Follow-through inspection activities					
<p><i>The following activities took place in the course of the follow-through inspection :</i></p> <p>Meeting with senior management team and subject coordinator Meeting with member of staff Review of school documentation and records and students' work</p>					
Recommendation in original inspection report			Progress achieved to date on implementation of recommendation		
<p>Assessment in CSPE should be addressed in a consistent manner, formal in-house examinations in CSPE should be included in the in-house examination schedule, homework should be assigned and corrected frequently and assessment arrangements for second year students should be reviewed.</p>			<p>Good progress CSPE is now included in the house examination schedule and on students' report cards. Homework is assigned, monitored and corrected frequently in the vast majority of cases examined. Second year students are now assessed by means of a common examination at the end of the second year module.</p>		
<p>Collaborative planning arrangements for CSPE should be addressed, a co-ordinator should be appointed from within the team of teachers teaching CSPE, meetings should take place regularly and minutes of meetings should be kept.</p>			<p>Very good progress A subject department co-ordinator has been appointed from within the CSPE team, department meetings are scheduled regularly and minutes of meetings are available.</p>		
<p>Schemes of work for the subject should be agreed between members of the department and common testing for the subject should take place.</p>			<p>Partial progress Schemes of work for the subject have not yet been reviewed in line with recommendations made in the report. Common testing for the subject now takes place in second and third year.</p>		
Summary of findings					
<p>Good overall progress on the recommendations made in the report was evident. Senior management and the CSPE team are commended for improvements undertaken. CSPE is now included in the house examination schedule and report cards as recommended in Circular M13/05. A co-ordinator has been appointed from within the team of teachers, subject department meetings are scheduled regularly and minutes of meetings are kept. In the majority of cases students get regular CSPE homework which is monitored by teachers. Teachers are commended for the range of interesting methodologies to assess students' work evident in student copybooks and folders, including projects, posters and reflective journals. Common testing for the subject takes place in second and third year. However, schemes of work have not yet been reviewed in line with recommendations made in the report.</p>					
Recommendations					
<p>Management and the subject department should ensure that schemes of work for each year group are agreed per term and laid out in the form of intended learning outcomes linked to suggested methodologies, resources and modes of assessment. This will ensure that the subject department operates in line with best practice. It will also facilitate collaborative subject department planning, adequate coverage of the course, and common testing</p>					

The board of management was given an opportunity to comment in writing on the findings and recommendations of the report; a response was not received from the board.

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