

DES Incidental Inspection Feedback:

Classes visited were 1st Year English, French, Spanish, Irish and Latin.

Main points in feedback:

- All subjects inspected were languages
- Inspector extremely positive about all lessons she saw and how they were taught, in particular considering the time of year.
- The quality of teaching in all lessons was excellent.
- Good practice was noted in each class.
- The use of the target language in all lessons was excellent.
- Lessons were lively and interesting.
- Students were engaged.
- There was good collaborative learning in evidence in all languages.
- Good use of ICT
- One particular student was praised for engaging in Irish with the inspector. She thought he may have been from a *Gaelscoil* but he had in fact come through St Conleths JS.
- One teacher particularly praised for delivering a lesson even though she was just covering for an absent colleague.

Recommendations:

- Include language oral results separately in School Reports
- More class periods for Spanish
- Encourage all students to attend Gaeltacht and Euro-language courses.