



# External Board Review

*Notre Dame Catholic Sixth  
Form College*

*Reviewer: Martin McNeill  
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# Executive Summary

This External Board Review aims to support the development of good governance at Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College (the College). It has been delivered by the Association of Colleges (AoC), using a framework developed by the AoC and the Education and Training Foundation (ETF) through pilot reviews.

The report that follows provides an overview of governance arrangements and assesses them across three main dimensions of governance: the **composition** of the Board, the **structures** within which the Board operates and the **interaction** within the Board and between board members (governors) and the Executive. It takes account of the principles set out in the Code of Governance that the College has adopted, of the Seven Principles of Public Life (the Nolan principles) and of the Department for Education (DfE)'s guidance on external board reviews.

The DfE defines the core functions of a college board (Corporation) as:

- determining the college's educational character;
- setting and communicating the college's strategy and goals;
- holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the college and its staff and the quality of outcomes;
- exercising effective control to ensure that funds and assets are protected and legal obligations are met.

**The review has found strong evidence that the Board is highly proficient and consistently impacts positively on college strategy, effectiveness, and outcomes.**