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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2017 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Larbert High School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the quality of leadership, learning and teaching and young people's achievements and wellbeing.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work:

- Collaborative approaches to developing and implementing a shared vision across the school and cluster. This includes a shared approach to professional learning and curriculum development. As a result the school can demonstrate very effective planning for continuous improvement and an appropriate pace of change.
- Outstanding strategic leadership of the headteacher and the culture of purposeful leadership at all levels. The school community provides a vibrant learning environment and ensures positive outcomes for young people.
- High levels of staff engagement in professional learning which is leading to continuous improvement in learning and teaching. As a result there are examples of innovative and creative practice across the school. This is supported very well by the increasingly consistent use of well-planned assessment and moderation to ensure young people make appropriate progress in their learning.
- The strong outcomes in relation to wellbeing and highly effective approaches to inclusion, equity and equality result in almost all young people feeling very well supported and able to achieve.
- The positive attributes and skills that young people develop as a result of their extensive participation in opportunities for achievement. This is very well supported through robust planning, tracking and monitoring against a skills framework which ensures progression and success for almost all young people.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Falkirk Council:

- Continue to implement the developments identified in the school improvement plan.

Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is good and what needs to be improved in the work of the school. You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school*¹? Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Larbert High School:

Leadership of change	excellent
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good

The letter and more detailed summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://www.education.gov.scot/reports/falkirk/5747031>.

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Falkirk Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

David Gregory
HM Inspector

¹ How good is our school? (4th Edition) 2015 [How good is our school? \(fourth edition\)](#)

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