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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Eyemouth High School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- There is a very positive climate for learning in all curriculum areas. Almost all young people are motivated to achieve well and they work successfully with their teachers.
- Guided effectively by the senior leadership team, staff demonstrate clear commitment to improving the learning experiences of all young people. They take part in considerable professional learning. This includes them working well in a motivated learning and teaching improvement group, and using carefully-selected educational research to develop their knowledge and skills.
- The school provides young people with a wide range of opportunities to help them achieve success. Effective partnership working also provides support for targeted groups of young people who face potential barriers to their learning. This is leading to these young people engaging more positively in their learning.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Scottish Borders Council.

- Develop more consistency in the quality of learning and teaching across the school.
- Continue to develop the senior phase curriculum so that it provides appropriate and varied pathways for all young people. This will increase the opportunities for them to attain well. Staff should also interrogate and use information from regular tracking and monitoring activities carefully to ensure that each young person is placed on an appropriate level of course.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Eyemouth High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/scottish-borders/5647436>

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. Scottish Borders Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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