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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Broxburn Academy. 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.

- The headteacher provides compassionate leadership and is a valued member of the school community. Senior leaders have established a culture where staff are encouraged to lead improvements across the school.
- Young people benefit from a greater range of courses and programmes in the senior phase, supported effectively by partners.
- Most young people attain appropriately from S4 to S6. Teachers prepare and support young people effectively for National Qualifications.
- Young people are developing a range of important skills and attributes through their participation in out of class activities.

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

- Senior leaders should involve young people, staff and parents more effectively to identify clear improvement priorities. Senior leaders need to strengthen their approaches to evaluating the work of the school to ensure this improves outcomes for young people.
- Teaching staff across the school should plan and deliver activities for young people that are more engaging and set at the right level of difficulty.
- All staff need to develop a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities in getting it right for every child. This includes developing further their approaches to supporting young people's wellbeing and inclusion in all aspects of the school.
- Staff should continue to improve attainment for all.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Broxburn Academy

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	good
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:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and Review](#) | [Education Scotland](#)

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

Patricia Cameron
HM Inspector