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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Arran 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.

- Positive, caring and respectful relationships provide a calm and orderly environment. As a result, young people engage well in their learning, supporting each other.
- Guided by the senior and extended leadership teams, staff are working well together and using current research to improve learning and teaching.
- A consistently high proportion of young people move on to a positive destination after leaving Arran High School.

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

- Continue to develop and embed refocused approaches to improve learning and teaching across the whole school.
- Continue to raise the attainment and achievement of young people at all stages.

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 Arran High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=1459>

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

Jacqueline Nimmo
HM Inspector