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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Boroughmuir 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.

- Respectful relationships between young people and with staff, which are supporting a purposeful ethos for learning. Young people are highly motivated, ambitious and keen to do well.
- The headteacher's leadership in promoting a climate of high expectations. This is supporting strong attainment.
- Strong attainment, particularly from S4 to S6.
- The broad range of opportunities provided for young people to achieve more widely.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from The City of Edinburgh Council.

- Provide more opportunities for young people to lead their learning.
- Continue to improve learning, teaching and assessment to achieve a better consistency in high-quality provision.
- Continue to improve the approaches for regularly monitoring and checking young people's progress from S1 to S3 across all areas of the curriculum. Teachers need to ensure assessment evidence is reliable and judgements are robust. Ensure that conversations with young people about their learning make them aware of what they need to improve and how they can do this.

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 Boroughmuir High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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=1697>

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

Marie McAdam
HM Inspector