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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Denny 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.

- The highly regarded headteacher, well supported by the senior leadership team. He has a clear and collaborative approach to driving school improvement. As a result, staff and young people feel empowered to lead change.
- The warm and supportive relationships across the school, effectively underpinned by nurturing approaches to learning and teaching.
- The successful use of digital technology. This provides flexible support for young people's learning at home and in school.
- The high-quality support provided by the Integrated Pupil Support team and staff. Staff demonstrate a well-planned approach to identifying and supporting the wellbeing needs of individual young people.

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

- Senior and middle leaders should continue with plans to review their S3 courses and programmes so that young people build more effectively on prior learning.
- Senior leaders should further develop approaches to the wellbeing of all young people, including supporting their understanding of how to value and celebrate each other's differences.
- Staff need to raise attainment for young people at S4 and by S5 in National Qualifications.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Denny High School.

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

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

[Denny High School | Inspection Report | 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. Falkirk Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Jacqueline Gallagher  
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