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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Braes 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 headteacher and staff have very successfully developed and maintained a strong culture of support and working together with young people. As a result, young people are highly motivated and this supports their positive relationships and experiences in school.
- Young people's learning and experiences are enhanced by creative and extensive use of digital technology across the school.
- Young people benefit from a very extensive range of activities and programmes which support wider achievement within the school. Young people's achievements within and outwith school are recorded and celebrated by school staff.
- Young people demonstrate very strong attainment, especially in literacy and numeracy.

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

- Teachers should continue to check young people's understanding of their learning on a day-to-day basis. They should make further use of this information to plan learning, teaching and assessment.
- Teachers should build on existing good practice to ensure they meet the needs of all young people in classes.

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 Braes High School

| Quality indicators  | Evaluation       |
|---|------------------|
| <b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>  | <b>very good</b> |
| <b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>   | <b>very good</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><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: [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. Falkirk 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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HM Inspector