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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Viewforth 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's effective leadership in creating a supportive climate for learning. The strong relationships between young people and staff support young people to have a positive attitude towards their learning.
- Young people develop a broad range of valuable skills for life. They have a range of opportunities to achieve and gain skills-based qualifications.
- Staff in the department of additional support use their knowledge of young people's strengths, interests and needs to provide effective learning experiences. This is leading to young people engaging very well and making good progress with their learning.

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

- Teachers should plan more appropriate learning set at the right level of challenge for young people. Teachers should consider how they plan tasks and activities to ensure they are engaging, motivating and relevant for all young people.
- Staff should continue to improve the attainment of young people in the broad general education and the senior phase. This will involve improving the regular attendance of all young people at school.
- Staff in the department of additional support should continue to develop the use of individual targets in learning for young people. This will help to plan learning and monitor the progress young people are making.

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 Viewforth High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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:

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

Graham Parry
HM Inspector