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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Clydebank 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 leads the school very effectively. She demonstrates strong, strategic and thoughtful leadership. Supported very well by senior and middle leaders, she has very successfully created an empowering culture of staff leading change across the school.
- All staff work very well together to create a nurturing and caring ethos built on the school values. As a result, young people are learning in a very supportive and safe environment.
- Staff have successfully increased the range of courses and programmes on offer in and beyond the school. This is helping them to meet the learning needs of more young people.
- Staff's positive approaches to improving literacy and numeracy and equity across the school are supporting improved attainment in S1 to S3 and S4 to S6.
- Young people's wellbeing and learning needs are met very effectively by a highly proactive staff team. They work very well with a range of partners and external agencies to ensure young people thrive in an inclusive environment.

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

- Senior leaders should continue as planned to work with teachers to develop further the quality of teaching across the school.
- Senior leaders should continue with their approaches to raising attainment.
- All staff should continue to work with partners to improve the attendance of a few young people.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Clydebank High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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: [Find an 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. West Dunbartonshire 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