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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Carluke 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 newly appointed headteacher and the senior leadership team are working very effectively together to drive the school's priorities and refresh the vision for change and improvement. This is geared towards a renewed offer of what young people can expect from their learning experiences, with the key aim of improving outcomes for all at Carluke High School.
- The energy and enthusiasm of all staff across the school to move forward with a challenging agenda for improvement. They are developing opportunities to collaborate with colleagues across the local authority and more widely, in order to share effective practice that leads to whole school improvement.
- Engaging young people across the school community who are becoming more confident in seeking wider opportunities to build on their skills and achievements. This is reflected in the positive destinations achieved by young people after leaving school. They are enthusiastic about playing a more key role in leading aspects of the wider life of the school.

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

- Continue with plans to improve the attainment and quality of achievements for all young people.
- Continue as planned to progress identified school improvement priorities that will help to provide all young people with choices that are better matched to their aspirations and build on their skills.
- Continue to develop robust approaches to monitoring young people's progress. This will help teachers to put in place improved evidence-based support for all young people to be successful and achieve the best they can.

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 Carluke High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=1940>

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. South Lanarkshire 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