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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Taylor 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 improvements effectively in learning, teaching and assessment. Young people learn in a calm and supportive learning environment founded on mutual respect, shared Gospel Values and a positive ethos.
- Staff work together well to develop more consistent approaches to learning and teaching across the school. As a result, young people benefit from well-established classroom routines that help them to understand the purpose of learning.
- The school community shares an aspiration for young people to aim highly, reflected in the school value of 'ambition'. As a result, more young people are attaining positive outcomes in National Qualifications.

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

- Staff should continue to offer more varied teaching approaches that allow young people to learn independently and to lead aspects of their learning. This will help young people experience increased challenge in their learning.
- Staff should continue to develop effective use of systems for checking progress and meeting the learning needs of all young people in S1-3. This will support raising attainment and ensuring all young people make the best possible progress throughout their time in school.

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 Tayor High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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: [Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [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. North 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