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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Grangemouth High School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. At the time of the visit young people in the senior phase were sitting prelim examinations.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The positive ethos and culture in which young people are encouraged and enabled to learn in calm, purposeful learning environments. This is helping attainment in numeracy to improve overall, up to and including, Scottish Credit Qualification Framework level 5.
- The ways in which young people from the Additional Support Centre are supported effectively. These include learning and social experiences across the school that help them attain and achieve well.
- The extensive range of achievements that enable young people to develop their leadership, participation and interpersonal skills well.

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

- Ensure high quality learning and teaching experiences for all young people across the school.
- Teachers should continue to develop learning activities which are relevant to young people, set at the right level and enable young people to be actively involved in their learning.
- As planned, staff at all levels, should continue to make better use of data to inform their planning for young people's learning and achievement. This includes strengthening the current approaches for checking the progress of young people.

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 Grangemouth High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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