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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Selkirk 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.

- Relationships between staff and young people across the school are strong and positive. This is leading to young people learning in a nurturing and supportive environment.
- Staff have undertaken a range of impactful professional learning to improve learners' experiences. This is improving young people's digital skills effectively.
- Staff work well with carefully-considered partners that benefit young people to achieve across the curriculum. These activities are reflective of the school's context. As a result, almost all young people progress to a positive destination on leaving school.

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

- Across the school, teachers need to plan and deliver tasks and activities for young people which are set at the right level of difficulty.
- Staff should increase their confidence in making reliable judgements about young people's achievement of a level. They should continue to develop their approaches to monitor young people's progress more effectively.
- Staff should continue to raise their aspirations and expectations of young people. Young people need to attain the highest level of qualifications in line with their abilities as they progress through the senior phase.

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 Selkirk 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: [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. Scottish Borders Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Patricia Cameron
HM Inspector