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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Glenrothes 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's drive to embed the school's values of confidence, ambition, respect and resilience, equality and success to ensure a culture of support. This places learners at the centre of the work of the school.
- Staff and young people's collective and creative response to reducing the 'cost of the school day'. This ensures that all members of the school community are treated with dignity and with respect and young people have equity of opportunities.
- Staff's approach to monitoring young people's progress and ensuring support is offered quickly when needed.
- Teachers' ambition for young people and the impressive recognition and celebration of young people's achievements. The wide range of opportunities for young people to achieve is supporting them to develop skills for life and work.

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

- Building on the progress made through the professional learning of staff, the school should review its approaches to ensure consistency in the quality of teaching across the school.
- Continue to raise attainment.
- In the Department of Additional Support, improve planning the learning of young people. More effectively employ a monitoring, evaluating and reviewing approach to supporting learners with additional support needs.

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 Glenrothes 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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2765>

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. Fife Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Gary Johnstone
HM Inspector