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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Gryffe 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 strong and highly effective leadership provided by the headteacher, supported by his senior leadership team, has ensured that staff have the highest expectations for what all young people can achieve.
- Highly skilled analysis of progress and attainment data of all young people results in early and highly effective interventions by staff at all levels. These contribute significantly to outstanding levels of attainment and achievement.
- Aspects of outstanding practice in primary to secondary transition that build very effectively on what young people already know.
- Highly motivated, articulate and ambitious young people who have high aspirations. They make important and significant contributions to the school and local community, supported and driven by an effective pupil management group.

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

- Build on existing practice to improving the reliability of assessment evidence from S1 to S3. This should support teachers to provide tasks and activities set at the right level for 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 Gryffe High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	excellent
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=2844>.

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. Renfrewshire 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