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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Dalziel 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.

- Confident and well-mannered young people who are valued and respected by staff. Relationships between learners and teachers are very strong and young people's behaviour is very good.
- The high quality of attainment and achievement in Dalziel High school, where young people are achieving better in a number of national measures than learners with similar needs and backgrounds across Scotland. Young people are also developing skills for life and work very well as a result of their extensive achievement success, including through participation in very productive business partnerships.
- The drive and commitment of the headteacher, senior leadership team and staff which are enabling high levels of achievement. Staff and young people create a very positive ethos across the whole school community which is helping to ensure successful outcomes for young people.
- The whole school community demonstrates a strong determination for all learners to be successful. This is exemplified very well in the successful integration into classrooms across the school of those in the hearing impairment department.

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

- To build on the keenness and enthusiasm of all its young people, staff now need to improve the level of challenge in the classroom. They should also continue to work to ensure better consistency in learning and teaching.
- Senior leaders and all practitioners should continue to develop their procedures for moderation of Curriculum for Excellence standards. This will support clearer progression across the broad general education and into 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 Dalziel High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/north-lanarkshire/8516936>

### 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.

Aileen Monaghan  
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