

**ANGUS COUNCIL  
CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE  
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**EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTION OF MONIFIETH HIGH SCHOOL**

**BACKGROUND**

Each year Education Scotland inspects and reports on the quality of education in a sample of pre-school centres, primary schools, secondary schools and other education services. To support improvement, the inspection evaluates the quality of children and young people's learning and achievement. There is a key focus on the development of children and young people's skills and understanding in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing, which enables access to the highest possible learning within a broad general education and beyond.

The inspection team evaluates the school's capacity to improve and answer the following questions:

- How well do children learn and achieve?
- How well does the school support children to develop and learn?
- How well does the school improve the quality of its work?

Inspectors use quality indicators from '*How good is our school?*' to support evaluations and provide information on how the school can improve. They also indicate any continuing engagement activities. Monifieth High School was inspected during the week beginning 28 September 2015. The inspection report was published on 15 December 2015 and can be found at:

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/inspectionandreview/reports/school/primsec/MonifiethHighSchoolAngus.asp>

The report takes the form of a letter to parents, which provides a response to the questions highlighted above.

This inspection found the following key strengths:

- Motivated and articulate young people who are keen to learn and have a strong caring attitude to others.
- The inclusive support across the additional support and pastoral care teams.
- The leadership of the headteacher and her team in bringing about improvement.
- Staff willingness to lead whole school developments which impact positively on young people's experiences and achievements.

The School and Education Scotland agreed that the school should:

- Continue to improve the consistency of high-quality learning and teaching to take account of different learning needs.
- Continue to improve attainment.

Education Scotland will make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

Education Scotland's evaluations for Monifieth High School are as follows:

<b>Improvements in performance</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>Learners' experiences</b>	<b>Very Good</b>
<b>Meeting learning needs</b>	<b>Good</b>

The following aspects of the work of the school were also evaluated:

<b>The curriculum</b>	<b>Very Good</b>
<b>Improvement through self-evaluation</b>	<b>Very Good</b>

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