

ANGUS COUNCIL**CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE - 19 MAY 2015****Brechin High School - Education Scotland Follow-through Review****Background**

In June 2012, Education Scotland published an inspection report on Brechin High School. They returned to the school in March 2014 and published a further report. In February 2015, as part of the council's on-going support, officers from Angus Council Quality Improvement Team carried out a review of the school. The review of the school took place over two days. Education Scotland's Area Lead Officer was part of the team.

It was agreed with Education Scotland that the outcome of the Follow-through visit would be shared with the Children and Learning Committee.

Outcome

Overall, the school continues to improve. In lessons, almost all pupils are motivated and have increasing responsibility for how they learn. Learning activities are better matched to the needs of young people. Staff are developing the curriculum from S1 to S3 to improve the continuity of young people's learning. In the Senior Phase, teachers track and monitor young people's progress more effectively. However, these improvements have not yet led to sufficient improvement in attainment across the school. Staff require more time and further support from Angus Council to continue to make the necessary improvements. The Education Scotland Area Lead Officer will work with Angus Council to build capacity for improvement, and will maintain contact to monitor progress. Education Scotland will return to carry out a further inspection within 18 months of the publication of the most recent letter to parents. They will then issue another letter to parents on the extent to which the school has improved.

The People Directorate are confident that the school will continue to improve under the strong leadership of the Headteacher and the Senior Management Team. We will continue to work closely with the school to raise attainment and to address issues raised through the review.

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