24 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Brechin High School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Staff foster caring and mutually respectful relationships with young people. This supports a calm and purposeful learning environment.
- The headteacher has established a community culture where young people feel a strong sense of belonging. Young people and staff demonstrate that they are 'Proud to be Brechin' in all aspects of school life.
- Senior leaders and staff work together well to improve the consistency of learning and teaching experienced across the school. This is helping young people to benefit from improved classroom routines and structures.

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

- Staff should continue to develop consistently high-quality learner experiences across the school. They should ensure that they plan learning that meets the needs of all learners, including those requiring increased challenge.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to develop their policies and procedures to ensure they align fully with legislation and statutory duties relating to wellbeing, equality and inclusion.
- Senior leaders and staff should maintain their drive to improve young people's attendance at school. They should develop a strategy to reduce the use of exclusions.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using two 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 HMIE's evaluations for Brechin High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**satisfactory**
Wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**satisfactory**
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 HMIE website at:
Brechin High School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland

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

Graham Parry
HM Inspector

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland

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