

- ✚ Pupils and staff live out the vision skilfully in all aspects of school life to achieve 'personal, spiritual and educational excellence', enabling the 'truth to set them free'.
- ✚ Pupils attain well and develop their wider skills across the school and beyond the classroom. They thrive through an interesting and diverse range of enrichment and leadership opportunities.
- ✚ Planning, teaching and assessment was almost always effective, with pupils engaged actively in their learning and challenged in their thinking through their teachers' skilful questioning and feedback.
- ✚ The pupils' successes are celebrated widely across and beyond the school.
- ✚ As staff begin to re-engage with the sharing of effective practice, the school has identified appropriately that action planning at all levels will benefit from first-hand evaluations of learning and teaching to inform precise future targets.
- ✚ Pupils are supported effectively through a range of enabling strategies and creative initiatives to overcome challenges and barriers ensuring they progress well.
- ✚ Pupils enjoy a dynamic, flexible curriculum, enhanced greatly by the extra-curricular provision.
- ✚ A strong community of learning permeates the school.
- ✚ At the time of the inspection, the evidence provided by the school demonstrates that the arrangements for child and adult protection align to the current statutory guidance.

Area for consideration:

- ✚ to use evaluations of learning and teaching to better inform precise targets for action planning.

Going forward

- ✚ Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School achieves its vision well in inspiring pupils to achieve 'personal, spiritual and educational excellence'. The pupils and staff live out the vision through the Catholic ethos and commitment to their motto 'Veritas Liberabit' on a daily basis.
- ✚ Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School has some highly effective practice from which other schools may learn, including: how the school defines, celebrates and embeds success; and the dynamic curricular and extra-curricular learning experiences. The ETI will continue to work with Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School and support them in the dissemination of their work.
- ✚ The school is well placed to take forward the area for consideration detailed in this report.