Kelso High School

PARTICIPATION
RESPECT
INCLUDED
DETERMINATION
EXCELLENCE

School Improvement Plan

Summary

2025-2026

Distinguished School

Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for continuous innovation in learnir teaching, and the school environment.

DIGITAL SCHOOLS AWARDS SCOTLAND

Kelso High School

In recognition of the school's excellence in integrating digital technology into learning and teaching

2022

At Kelso High School, our goal is to provide the best possible learning experiences so every young person can thrive, achieve and feel valued. This year, our plan focuses on three main priorities:

1. Inclusive Practices – CIRCLE Framework

We are introducing the CIRCLE Framework across all classrooms to ensure every learner can participate, engage and develop independence.

- What this means for learners: More consistent support in lessons, early help if they are struggling and a learning environment where everyone feels included.
- How we'll do it: Staff training, shared tools for planning and assessment and working closely with Support for Learning to remove barriers.

2. Leadership of Change

We want both staff and learners to feel empowered to lead positive change in our school.

- What this means for staff: Strengthen collaborative leadership, empower staff to take ownership of school improvement by leading and sustaining meaningful change within their areas of responsibility.
- What this means for learners: More opportunities to take leadership roles (e.g. Pupil Parliament, peer mentoring, school improvement projects).
- How we'll do it: Provide leadership training, create clear pathways for involvement and make sure learner voice shapes decisions.

3. Learning, Teaching & Assessment

We are building on our strengths in high-quality teaching by:

- Embedding Adaptive Teaching strategies so lessons meet the needs of all learners.
- Making lessons more engaging and reflective through effective plenaries.
- Exploring AI in education to enhance learning and reduce staff workload.
- Launching a new S1 'Next Generation Hub' to develop key skills in Health & Wellbeing, Literacy, Numeracy, Global Citizenship and Sustainability.

How We Will Measure Success

- Better learner engagement and independence in lessons.
- More pupils involved in leadership roles and school improvement work.
- Consistent inclusive practice across classrooms.
- Positive feedback from learners, parents and staff.
- Evidence of improved attainment and wellbeing.