

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor David Jones

**Was the Cabinet member surprised that ESTYN placed Brecon High School in
the Special Measures category?**

I have kept in close contact with developments at Brecon High School through regular discussions with the Interim head of School Service and have received regular half termly monitoring reports. Prior to inspection it was made very clear to me that progress was slow with many of the recommendations being partly met. The judgements in the inspection outcome letter were very similar to the report provided by the Authority to Estyn ahead of the inspection.

Officers in the school service and senior colleagues from Ceredigion are taking robust and appropriate action to support and challenge the school for improvement. This includes regular meetings with the chair of governors, headteacher and other members of the governing body.