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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Andrew's High School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- Staff and young people's learning and interactions are based on a strong ethos, calmness, lived values and their Catholic faith. The headteacher leads this by example. Young people and staff enjoy a deep commitment to children's rights. Young people's sense of responsibility extends to socialising well in areas outwith their classrooms.
- Young people develop a range of skills and qualities from taking part in sporting, cultural, faith and leadership activities. In S6, young people's service to their school and community helps them to be kind and considerate, while building younger learners' resilience and confidence.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should build on the best examples of learning and teaching so that all young people benefit from consistently high-quality experiences. This will assist young people make further progress.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to have a clear focus on raising attainment and attendance across the school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Education Scotland's evaluations for St Andrew's High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching, and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale.</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | Education 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. North Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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