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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Williamwood 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.

- Highly motivated and articulate young people who are determined to achieve well. Very positive relationships across the school support a constructive and purposeful culture of learning which promotes very effective engagement in learning by young people.
- The headteacher, senior leaders and staff have worked very successfully with young people to develop a high quality and well-structured framework of key principles in learning, teaching and assessment. As a result, young people take responsibility for their learning and benefit from motivating and enjoyable learning experiences.
- Young people benefit from a very extensive range of activities and programmes which support and develop their wider achievement. Young people's achievements are encouraged, recorded and celebrated by school staff highly effectively as a central part of the school's culture.
- Young people attain exceptionally well throughout their time at school. Staff use high quality approaches to monitor learners' progress and attainment and create skilled interventions to support them as required. This supports well a culture where all young people are encouraged to succeed and flourish.

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

- Continue to build on the highly effective planning in learning, teaching and assessment. This should include further development of approaches to learning, teaching and assessment and improving attainment and achievements in the Communication and Support Service.

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 Williamwood High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	excellent
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 Education Scotland website at:
[Williamwood High School | Inspection Report | 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. East Renfrewshire 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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