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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Modan'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.

- The headteacher has successfully developed the nurturing, caring ethos of the school, which is underpinned by strong Catholic values. This results in a calm and orderly learning environment where young people are well motivated in their learning and achieve well.
- Strong practice in digital technology allows young people to revisit learning, comment on their work and receive feedback. Young people who require additional support for learning are assisted well with access to specialised on-line resources.
- Many young people are acquiring important skills and qualities through their participation in the activities within and outwith school being offered by school staff and external partners.

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

- Senior and middle leaders should work with teachers to build on existing approaches to assessment, ensuring staff have a reliable understanding of young people's progress. This will help to inform teachers' planning for learning, teaching and assessment.
- Senior leaders should proceed as planned with strategies to continue to improve attainment and achievement.

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 Modan's High School:

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
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: [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. Stirling 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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