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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Park Mains 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 staff, with strong leadership from the headteacher and senior leadership team, are establishing a culture of aspiration across the school. This is increasingly engaging young people more effectively in their learning.
- Across the school, there are examples of strong practice in learning and teaching. Where these are most effective, young people benefit from learning that is creative, active, challenging, and well-paced.
- Young people are developing a range of skills through a wide variety of opportunities to learn, attain and achieve across a range of contexts. Achievements are celebrated widely and this is motivating young people well.

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

- Senior leaders have correctly identified learning and teaching as a key priority in the school improvement plan. Maintaining this focus on high-quality learning and teaching will help to ensure that all learners experience learning and teaching that meets their needs.
- Continue to improve attainment, particularly building on recent improvements in young people's attainment in numeracy.
- Continue to develop the skills of staff at all levels in using information and data to inform and evaluate priorities for improvement.

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 Park Mains 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. Renfrewshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

David Drysdale
HM Inspector