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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Notre Dame 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, along with senior leaders, has set a highly ambitious vision for the school. They successfully led a whole school change to a co-educational context involving all of the school community. The school values of kindness, ambition and respect underpin all aspects of school life.
- Young people learn in an inclusive, nurturing and caring environment which reflects the strong Catholic ethos. Warm and positive relationships are a key feature in classrooms. Young people are eager to succeed.
- The rich and diverse mix of young people are valued and fully included in the school community. As a result, they are confident, successful and ambitious.
- The staff use of data and tracking information to monitor the progress of all young people is very effective. This is leading to strong attainment and positive destinations for almost all young people.

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

- Staff should develop strengthened approaches to quality assurance across all curriculum areas. This should help ensure improvement priorities are consistently being taken forward across the school and are making a difference for young people.
- Teachers should continue exploring approaches to teaching and learning so that young people benefit from high-quality experiences across the school. This will help to ensure that all young people are supported and challenged appropriately in their learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Notre Dame High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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:

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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. Glasgow City 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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HM Inspector