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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Firpark Secondary 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 positive relationships between young people and staff. These relationships are creating a calm learning environment with young people engaged and motivated in their learning.
- Young people are supported well to develop their skills, particularly in literacy and English. Young people are progressing well with their learning and gaining an increasing number of National Qualifications as they progress through their senior phase.
- Young people develop skills which help them succeed in becoming confident, successful, effective and responsible. This is supporting young people to access and sustain positive destinations after school.

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

- There is a need for senior leaders to improve teacher's understanding of national standards in moderation of assessment and help young people make better progress in learning.
- Staff should provide a greater range of opportunities for young people to get involved in the life and work of the school and develop further their leadership skills.

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 Firpark Secondary 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: [Firpark 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. 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.

Ken McAra  
HM Inspector