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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Shawlands Academy. 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.

- A calm, welcoming ethos that creates a positive environment for learning across the school. Young people have a strong sense of belonging across the school community where diversity is celebrated widely.
- Young people who participate well in their learning. They support and work with each other well in tasks and activities. There are nurturing relationships between the young people. Their relationships with staff across the school are also positive and respectful.
- As young people progress through the school, attainment is showing signs of strong improvement for those who choose to stay on at Shawlands Academy.

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

- Continue to raise attainment at all stages across the school.
- Continue to embed recently developed approaches to checking how well young people progress and attain across the school.
- Continue to develop the school's new learning and teaching framework to help improve the consistency of all learners' experiences at all stages.

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 Shawlands Academy

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. 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