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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Andrew's and St Bride'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.

- There are very strong, positive and caring relationships across the school community, underpinned by gospel values. Young people feel well supported and encouraged to do their best through the calm, nurturing learning environment.
- Young people are developing a range of skills through their participation in a wide range of achievements. Young people and staff contribute very effectively to the life of the school and play an active role in the wider community.
- The headteacher has a clear vision to improve outcomes for young people. Senior leaders work well with staff to improve learners' experiences which results in high achievement and attainment for young people.

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

- Continue to embed consistent learning, teaching and assessment, with a particular focus on high-quality questioning and effective tracking of young people's progress.
- Continue to maintain and improve the high levels of attainment for all groups of young people. This should include increasing high-quality passes in the senior phase.

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 Andrew's and St Bride's High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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:

[St Andrew's and St Bride's 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. South Lanarkshire 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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