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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Abercorn 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 effective leadership of the headteacher. Her values help establish a strong sense of community across the school. Young people learn in a school where they know they are valued and cared for.
- All staff develop positive relationships with young people and their families. This supports young people to attend school and engage in their learning.
- The staff place a strong focus on developing skills for life. This helps young people to participate meaningfully in their community and move onto positive destinations after leaving school.
- The wide range of clubs and partnerships contributing to the school's curriculum, enrich young people's learning. As a result, young people are confident and demonstrate valuable skills in real life contexts.

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

- Senior leaders should develop a more strategic approach to how the school will improve. This should include streamlining how information is used to plan young people's lessons.
- Teachers should develop consistently high-quality learning and teaching across the school with an increased focus on raising attainment. This should include giving wider consideration to young people's age and additional support needs.

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 Abercorn Secondary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:
[Abercorn 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. 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.

Graeme Gordon
HM Inspector