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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Holyrood 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.

- Across the school, there is a well-established, inclusive, ethos based on the Catholic Faith values. Almost all interactions between young people, and between young people and staff are respectful, kind and considerate.
- The headteacher's strategy to improving the attainment and achievement of all young people. She is highly regarded amongst the school community.
- Teachers assess and check young people's progress regularly to help inform their planning. They are pro-active in learning from colleagues within and beyond the school.
- Staff are very skilled in identifying and implementing effective strategies to support young people who experience barriers to learning. As a result, young people are attaining and achieving very well, with almost all moving to a positive destination on leaving school.

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

- Staff should continue to build on the strong, consistent approaches to teaching. This should include ensuring all young people are appropriately challenged and given more opportunities to lead their learning.
- Building on recent successful changes in the English and mathematics departments, staff should continue to improve young people's performance in literacy and numeracy 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 Holyrood Secondary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very 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:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and Review](#) | [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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