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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Castlemilk 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.

- The inspirational, dynamic leadership of the headteacher and key members of her team that result in a learning climate where all are valued and highly motivated to bring about successful change. Almost all young people enjoy a high quality, rounded experience which develops key capacities and important skills.
- Improvements in young people's attainment in various National Qualifications. In particular, the work to improve equity and support all learners to achieve more highly.
- The impressive range of qualities and ambition demonstrated by young people. They have a great sense of pride in their school and a real aspiration to succeed in learning, work and life.
- The impact of partnership working to support all young people to achieve highly and enhance their experiences.

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

- Continue to implement the developments identified in the school improvement plan. For example, ensuring greater levels of challenge as part of the drive to improve learning, teaching and assessment.

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 Castlemilk High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very 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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/glasgow-city/8434034>

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