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Dear Parent/Carer

**Rosshall Academy
Glasgow City Council**

We are trying out some new approaches to inspection. You can find more information about why we are doing this, and details of our new approaches, at the link below.¹

Rosshall Academy was inspected in November 2015. A small team of inspectors visited the school for two and a half days following a two-week school notification period. During our visit, we talked to young people, parents and other partners of the school and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. The inspection had a specific focus on teaching, learning and assessment, and how the school is working to ensure all young people achieve as highly as possible.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work:

- Confident and articulate young people who are proud of their school.
- The inclusive ethos, built on strong, shared values, and the ways in which staff encourage young people to be ambitious, which is helping them to achieve well.
- The positive relationships between staff and young people, firmly based on the school values, which support young people to develop skills for learning, life and work.
- The system for tracking young people's attainment from S1 to S3 which is supporting conversations with young people about their progress and helping them to understand their learning and achievements.
- The school's work with a range of partners to broaden young people's learning experiences and provide them with opportunities for personal achievement.
- The increasing numbers of young people going on to higher education on leaving school.
- The improvements in the number of young people attaining at Higher level by S6.
- The improvements in attainment in literacy and numeracy.

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<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/inspectionandreview/about/principles/futureapproaches/index.asp>

The following areas for improvement were also identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from Glasgow City Council:

- Continue to share good practice across the school to ensure consistently high-quality learning experiences for all young people.
- Continue to develop young people's understanding of the skills and attributes they are developing across their learning.

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve. Glasgow City Council will inform parents about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of its schools.

During the inspection, we identified aspects of interesting practice in tracking young people's progress and in expressive arts. As a result, we shall work with the school and Glasgow City Council to record the practice and share it more widely to support improvement at national level.

Carol McDonald
HM Inspector

Questionnaire return details for your school can be found on the Education Scotland website at <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/inspectionandreview/reports/school/primsec/RosshallAcademyGlasgowCity.asp> .

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