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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Our Lady's High School - Cumbernauld. 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 strong and effective leadership of the headteacher, well supported by all staff, creates an aspirational and positive climate for learning. Relationships between staff and young people are built on trust and mutual respect.
- Teachers support the learning of young people very well through effective questioning and providing high quality feedback to all learners.
- The high levels of attainment in literacy across the school.
- The wide range of well-considered clubs and activities that develop young people's leadership skills and skills for learning, life and work.

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

- Continue to raise the attainment of young people, particularly in relation to numeracy and the attainment of the highest attaining young people.
- Senior leaders should continue to strengthen their approaches to monitoring how well the school is accelerating progress of young people living in the most deprived datazones.
- Senior leaders should continue to share further good practice in learning, teaching and assessment within the school, locally and nationally.

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 Our Lady's High School - Cumbernauld

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