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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Benedict's 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 headteacher's commitment to developing a culture of increased expectations and high aspirations for young people. Senior leaders and staff ensure the highly relevant school values underpin the work of the school.
- Young people are confident, articulate and responsible citizens. They are eager to support the wellbeing of others and are positive role models within their community.
- Relationships between staff and young people are nurturing, mutually respectful and support a well-developed climate for learning.
- Staff in the flexible learning resource are skilled in providing young people with a calm and engaging environment for learning.

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

- Staff should continue to develop approaches used to identify, measure and evaluate the impact of school improvements on outcomes for young people. This includes demonstrating improvements in aspects of wellbeing, equality and inclusion.
- Teachers should continue to develop high-quality learning, teaching and assessment to challenge and meet the needs of all learners. Young people should have further opportunities to lead aspects, and have increasing ownership, of their learning.
- Senior leaders should continue to ensure that all programmes and courses meets the needs of all young people in the senior phase. This should appropriately build on their prior learning and allow them to achieve success.
- Staff in the flexible learning resource, working in partnership with the local authority, should continue to build on the positive relationships developed with young people and parents. This will help young people to increase their attendance and engagement with school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 St Benedict's High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>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:  
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### 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. Renfrewshire 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