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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Hillhead 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:

- School leaders and staff have developed several sector-leading initiatives which together ensure that young people benefit from very high-quality learning experiences and achieve very well. The outstanding, purposeful leadership across the school, supports very positive outcomes for young people.
- The school is strongly committed to continuing improvement in learning and teaching. Professional learning and the sharing of good practice, supported by Teacher Learning Communities, are informing strong, research-based developments in learning and teaching.
- The school's approaches to inclusion and equality are commendable. Staff have a strong focus on young people's individual needs and wellbeing, and use an extensive range of approaches to overcome potential barriers to participation and achievement. These are leading to improved outcomes for almost all learners. Young people are well informed about equality issues and feel confident in their ability to recognise and challenge discrimination.
- Attainment is improving and young people are achieving very well through an extensive range of opportunities. This is very well supported by staff through their very robust planning, tracking, monitoring and target-setting which ensure ongoing progress and success for almost all learners. As a result, young people are developing confidence, resilience and responsible attitudes.

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

- Staff should continue their work to ensure consistently high-quality learning and teaching across the school.

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 Hillhead High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	excellent
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://www.education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/glasgow-city/8434239>

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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