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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited St Margaret Mary's Secondary 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.

- Staff foster a calm learning atmosphere and have very high expectations for young people that 'only the best will do'. As a result, young people are self-motivated, enthusiastic learners who engage fully in, and take responsibility for, their own learning.
- Staff make creative and very effective use of digital technology. This approach supports young people with a wide range of needs to engage fully in their learning, making learning accessible to all.
- There is a commendably wide range of activities which are open to all young people, both during and after the school day. Participation in these activities builds young people's confidence and leadership skills; supporting them to reach positive destinations that meet their needs and aspirations.

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

- Staff need to plan learning that enables all young people to experience appropriate levels of pace and challenge in their learning.
- Staff should maintain their focus on providing young people with opportunities to attain as highly as possible.

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 HMIE's evaluations for St Margaret Mary's Secondary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
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 HMIE website at: [St Margaret Mary's Secondary School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in 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. 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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On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland