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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2022, a team of HM Inspectors from Education Scotland visited Douglas Academy. 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:

- Young people who are very well motivated to achieve, highly articulate and demonstrate high levels of responsibility. Positive relationships across the school support a very purposeful learning environment and a climate of high expectations and aspirations.
- Consistently outstanding levels of attainment from S1 to S3 and in National Qualifications. Young people are achieving much better across almost all national measures than learners with similar needs and backgrounds across Scotland.
- Young people who are highly successful, confident and exercise responsibility and contribute exceptionally well to the life of the school and wider community. They have achieved an impressive range of skills and attributes through a wide range of activities.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from East Dunbartonshire Council:

- Continue to build on existing practice to provide a more consistent and engaging learning experience across all classes.

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 Douglas Academy

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	excellent
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 (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. East Dunbartonshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Guch Dhillon
HM Inspector