ISI Independent Schools Inspectorate

Progress monitoring inspection report

18 March 2026

Salesian College

119 Reading Road

Farnborough

GU14 6PA

The Independent Schools Inspectorate is appointed by the Department for Education to inspect association independent schools in England. Our inspections report on the extent to which the statutory Independent School Standards and other applicable regulatory requirements are met, collectively referred to in this report as 'the Standards'.

Inspection outcome

The school meets all the relevant Standards that were considered during this inspection.

Inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

ISSR paragraphs 7(a), 7(b) and 15

1. Staff receive regular and appropriate safeguarding training, including about low-level concerns and updates to statutory requirements. New staff receive suitable safeguarding training as part of their induction when they join the school. Staff understand their responsibilities, including how to support pupils and the importance of reporting concerns promptly.
2. Safeguarding leaders are suitably trained and carry out their roles effectively. Leaders show a secure understanding of safeguarding risks within the local context and take appropriate steps to mitigate them. Leaders provide suitable avenues for pupils to share any concerns. They provide timely and effective support when concerns are raised. Leaders work effectively with external agencies, such as children's services and local authorities. They seek advice and make referrals when necessary.
3. Since the previous inspection, leaders have strengthened the school's approach to recording safeguarding concerns, actions and the rationale for decisions taken. Safeguarding records are now maintained in line with statutory guidance and are stored securely.
4. The safeguarding policy has been updated in line with current statutory guidance.
5. Safeguarding training successfully ensures that staff recognise and report low-level concerns about the conduct of adults. The school maintains a suitable log of such concerns and appropriate action is taken in response, when necessary.
6. Leaders ensure that information is provided to the local authority as required, including about pupils' absence and when pupils leave or join the school at non-standard transition points. Management of the admission and attendance registers is now in line with statutory guidance.
7. The school meets the Standards.

Part 6. Provision of information

ISSR paragraph 32(1)(c)

8. An appropriate safeguarding policy is published on the school's website.
9. The school meets the Standard.

Part 8. Quality of leadership and management of schools

ISSR paragraph 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b) and 34(1)(c)

10. Since the previous inspection, governors have reflected on their practice and identified appropriate areas for development. They have put in place targeted actions to strengthen their oversight, particularly in ensuring that leaders are suitably equipped with the skills, knowledge and understanding required to carry out their roles effectively. This work has increased governors' capacity to assure themselves that pupils' wellbeing is actively promoted.

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11. Leaders have taken effective action in response to the unmet Standards identified at the previous inspection. The implementation of a clear and focused action plan has secured the necessary improvements. As a result, procedures and policies relating to safeguarding, admission and attendance are robust and align with current statutory guidance.
12. The school meets the Standards.

School details

School	Salesian College
Department for Education number	850/6022
Registered charity number	1130166
Address	Salesian College 119 Reading Road Farnborough Hampshire GU14 6PA
Phone number	01252 893000
Email address	office@salesiancollege.com
Website	www.salesiancollege.com
Proprietor	Salesian College, Farnborough Ltd
Chair	Mr Mirek Gliniecki
Headteacher	Mr Gerard Owens
Age range	11 to 18
Number of pupils	527
Date of previous inspection	16 to 18 September 2025

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Information about the school

13. Salesian College is an independent day school for male pupils aged 11 to 16 and for male and female pupils aged 16 to 18. The school is a charitable trust. The governing body is appointed by the Provincial Council of the Province of Salesians of Don Bosco. Members of the governing body are trustees and directors of Salesian College.
14. The school has identified 88 pupils as having special educational needs and/or disabilities. A small proportion of pupils in the school have an education, health and care plan.
15. The school has identified 37 pupils as speaking English as an additional language.
16. The school states its aims are to be a Catholic, Salesian school, inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the educational charism of St John Bosco. The school aspires to educate pupils through reason, religion and loving kindness, providing a home, a school, a church and a playground where lifelong friendships are formed and all can flourish as they realise their God-given potential. The school aims to send out into the world happy and confident young people as witnesses to the Gospel who have an active concern for social justice.

Purpose of the progress monitoring inspection

An inspector carried out this inspection under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008. This inspection was an unannounced progress monitoring inspection which was carried out at the request of the Department for Education. The purpose of this inspection was to monitor the progress the school has made in meeting the Independent School Standards that the school was judged not to comply with at its previous inspection.

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Inspection details

Inspection dates	18 March 2026

17. One reporting inspector visited the school for one day.

18. Inspection activities included

- scrutiny of a range of policies, documentation and records provided by the school and information available on the school's website
- discussions with the chair of governors
- discussions with the headteacher, school leaders, managers and other members of staff
- discussions with pupils.

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