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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited The Edinburgh Academy. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The Rector has skilfully developed a clear vision and direction for the school. This has resulted in a relentless focus on the development of the whole child, alongside a drive to ensure success for each individual.
- The headteacher of the junior school is highly effective. She fosters leadership of a consistently high standard at all levels. This is empowering the staff team to drive forward changes across the school which result in excellent outcomes for learners.
- Staff, children, young people and all stakeholders have a very well-developed sense of community across the school. This is underpinned by meaningful and very well considered school values, which supports an ethos of inclusion.
- Children and young people demonstrate very high levels of engagement with their learning and the wider life of the school. They are ambassadors for their school and demonstrate respect and compassion in their daily interactions.
- Children and young people sustain exceptional levels of attainment and achievement across the school over time.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from the Court of Directors.

- Senior leaders across the school should strengthen their approaches to working together across the two school campuses. This will allow highly effective practice to be shared and embedded widely.
- Staff in the senior school should continue to define and embed consistently high-quality teaching approaches.

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 HMIE's evaluations for The Edinburgh Academy

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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 HMIE website at: [The Edinburgh Academy | 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. The Court of Directors 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

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland