

19 August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Castlebrae Community Campus. 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 proud of their learning community. There are positive relationships across the school, along with the supportive, caring approach of staff who know young people well. This is leading to young people increasingly engaging positively in their learning.
- The broad, extensive partnership links and the range of wider achievement experiences for young people. These are providing opportunities for progression beyond school for groups of young people. Strong partnerships with industry and the third sector are showing signs of impacting on positive outcomes for young people.

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

- Continue to raise the attainment of young people at all stages across the school, in line with national expectations. Senior leaders should ensure that they make available increased, relevant opportunities for more young people to consider school-based pathways to stay on in the senior phase.
- Continue to develop approaches to promoting high quality learning and teaching and assessment across all areas of the school. This includes continuing to develop consistently robust approaches to monitoring young people's progress in their learning. Staff need to capitalise on opportunities to look outwards and benefit from best practice nationally.

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 Castlebrae Community Campus

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	weak
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:

[Castlebrae Community Campus | Inspection Report | Education Scotland.](#)

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with The City of Edinburgh Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with The City of Edinburgh Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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HM Inspector