

9 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

In February 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Boclair 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.

- Based on a clear set of values, the school's vision for all learners is ambitious. Young people benefit from a supportive and inclusive learning environment.
- Polite, confident young people who are highly motivated. Relationships between learners and teachers are very strong.
- Young people attain and achieve very well in Boclair Academy across a number of national measures. All learners benefit from the school's extensive achievement programme. This includes young people's participation in a wide range of productive partnerships.
- The highly effective and well-respected headteacher, who with his senior leadership team and staff demonstrates a strong determination and drive for all learners to be successful. They encourage and promote high-quality leadership for everyone across the school. Staff, partners and young people create a very positive ethos which is helping to support young people's continued success.

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

- There are very strong examples of highly effective learning and teaching. Senior leaders and staff should continue their already strong approaches to ensure consistently high-quality learning and teaching across the school.
- Staff should continue their strong drive to raise attainment and achievement of all young people at all stages. More extensive tracking of skills achieved would support young people to articulate better the skills they are gaining and make stronger connections across their learning.

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 Boclair Academy

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very good</b>
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 Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=1683>

### 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.

Aileen Monaghan  
HM Inspector