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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Dunedin School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the staff.

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

- Staff in Dunedin School are very successful at re-engaging young people in education. As a result, young people are happy to attend school and are attaining and achieving well.
- Staff develop and sustain extremely positive relationships with young people and their families. Tutors work closely with young people and understand their needs well. They ensure that other staff are aware of these needs and the strategies which help young people to make progress in their learning.
- The quality of teaching and learning across all classes is very strong. Teachers plan lessons which are appropriate for each young person in the class. Learning activities are relevant, enjoyable and challenging.
- Young people make very good progress in their learning from previous levels of attainment. They are also well supported and encouraged to move on to further education, training or employment when they leave school.

The following area for improvement was identified and discussed with staff representatives and members of the Board of Governors.

- Teachers should develop their approaches to check assessment standards by engaging with colleagues from other schools.

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 Dunedin School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
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: [Dunedin School | Inspection Report | Education 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 Board of Governors will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Ken McAra
HM Inspector