

Dear Parent/Carer

**Castlebrae Community High School
The City of Edinburgh Council**

In March 2011, HM Inspectors published a letter on your child's school. We returned to the school to look at how it had improved its work and published a letter to parents in April 2012. We visited the school again in May 2013 and subsequently published another letter to parents in August 2013. Since then, Education Scotland has continued to engage with the school, and with the City of Edinburgh Council, to monitor progress with the points for action agreed at the time of the inspection.

In August 2014, a new headteacher took up post in a temporary capacity and there have been considerable changes to staffing across the school. The permanent appointment of the headteacher provided some much needed stability for the school.

In November 2015, Education Scotland returned to the school as part of a progress review led by local authority officers. The school was found to have made some important improvements since the original inspection. Education Scotland continued to work with the City of Edinburgh Council to support the school and to build its capacity for further improvement.

In November 2016, Education Scotland returned to the school as part of a further progress review led by local authority officers. The record of this review visit is available at

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/7038/castlebrae_community_high_2016

The school has continued to make important improvements. Young people's behaviour has continued to improve and expectations of what children can learn and achieve are higher. There is evidence of improved attainment in National Qualifications at the senior phase. The curriculum at S1-S3 has improved and staff are working hard to plan and implement an improved curriculum from S4-S6. Effective arrangements for tracking the progress of young people are now in place and leadership at all levels in the school has been strengthened.

As a result of these improvements, Education Scotland will carry out no further inspection visits resulting from the original inspection in 2011.

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