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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Holy Rood RC High School. 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.

- The headteacher, senior leaders and staff have developed and maintained a very strong culture of inclusion and belonging across the school community. Positive relationships across the school ensure a caring and supportive learning environment where young people thrive and are encouraged to achieve their best.
- Staff use data very well to improve outcomes for young people. They carefully track progress, identify barriers to learning and put in place effective support when needed. As a result, young people are making very strong progress as they learn throughout the school.
- Digital learning is a significant strength of the school. High-quality digital approaches engage young people in their learning both in school and at home, helping them build important skills for the future.

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

- Continue to develop further highly effective practice in learning, teaching and assessment with a particular focus on questioning.
- Continue to raise attainment across the school, with a particular focus on improving the quality of young people's successes in the senior phase.

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 HMIE's evaluations for Holy Rood RC High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
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 HMIE website at: [Holy Rood RC High School | 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 City of Edinburgh Council 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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On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland