

The Edinburgh Academy is a co-educational day school for pupils aged 2 to 18 that strives to release the potential of every pupil. The Edinburgh Academy is a school that aims to set standards to which all others aspire. This goal is guided by our Vision.

1 Academic Excellence

We aim to release the potential of all our pupils. We prize and celebrate high standards of scholarship and study and provide a challenging and enriching academic curriculum that stretches the abilities of all. Personal attention and flexible approaches to learning, mentoring and pastoral care put the child at the centre of all we do. Our Nursery, Junior and Senior Schools work together with a shared approach in the best facilities available.

2 Rounded and Fulfilling Education

Through a rounded education, Academy pupils enhance their social, emotional and spiritual capacities, fitting them for citizenship in a challenging and changing world. We believe in a balance to academic and co-curricular activities and offer a wide range of opportunities to participate and represent the Academy in sport, music, and a variety of expressive and creative arts. Our school roll is set to offer the highest standards possible for a well-rounded education and close personal knowledge of individuals.

3. Academy Pupils, Leading through Service

Our pupils are proud to be members of the Academy and express this in their service to the School and to the community whilst at School and in later life. We equip our pupils to make their mark in whatever field they choose and to become citizens of the world. We prepare pupils to value their service and duty to family and community life alongside taking demanding opportunities in higher education, academic life, business, service, professional or creative careers.

4. Promoting Opportunities and Values

The School is open to those with talent and ability irrespective of their financial position, through our Bursary provision. Our pupils, teaching staff and the School engage meaningfully in serving our community through use of our energy, time, creativity and facilities to the benefit of our society. We build our values from the traditions of Christian principles and the liberal ideas of the Scottish Enlightenment. In our actions we express the goal to be tolerant, welcoming and respectful of all.

5. Grounded in Scotland, Ready for the World

We take pride in our traditions and history. We renew these through our relationships with our parent body, former pupils and other friends throughout the world. In our staff, we support opportunities for career and personal development to provide the best education for our pupils. We link to schools, communities and cultures throughout the world. We look to the best inside and outside of Scotland for inspiration in all that can be achieved in education and life.

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The Edinburgh Academy believes in the all round development of the individual within a co-educational, compassionate, welcoming, broad-minded community. The Academy aims to provide the very best of education in its Nursery, Junior and Senior Schools.

The five aspects of the Edinburgh Academy's Vision, listed below, are underpinned by the values of the original foundation and motto; '[Aien Aristeuein](#)' which can be interpreted as 'Excel Always'.

The Edinburgh Academy's Vision:

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- 2 Rounded and Fulfilling Education**
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The School constantly works to fulfil this Vision through the combined efforts of the Court of Directors, staff, pupils, parents and friends. The School Development Plan, revised annually, re-interprets the Vision through continual reflection and progress. In striving to achieve this vision, the Edinburgh Academy is guided by the following underlying values.

A. Excellence in Education for All

- Academic distinction is our aim for all our pupils. We seek to develop academic potential and intellectual promise.
- We respect and value the diversity of pupils and staff, welcoming all who wish to share different backgrounds, experiences and aspirations.
- Co-education provides the opportunity for boys and girls to learn and develop skills together, offers the best preparation for further education, and working and social relationships in later life.
- The Edinburgh Academy values the continuity of educational experience from 2 to 18 years but aims to maintain the ability to recruit pupils of talent at key stages in their education, irrespective of financial means. Bursarial places and scholarships exist to support this aim. Close links with, and financial support from, the Academical Community and the Edinburgh Academy Foundation support this aim.
- The traditions of the pursuit of excellence seen through the lives of many former pupils of the School inspire future generations of pupils e.g. literacy (Robert Louis Stevenson) and Science (James Clerk Maxwell).

B. Curriculum for Individuals

- The individual progress of each pupil is of paramount importance. We aim through personalised learning to help each pupil reach his/her full potential. All pupils are taught logical, critical and imaginative-thinking skills through academic subjects.
- We aim for all pupils to acquire a wide range of transferable skills (life skills, learning skills, etc) to enable them to develop fully their individuality and ability to co-operate with others.
- We believe in the importance of providing a wide and balanced curriculum that caters for specialisation and strives for academic excellence.

- Pupils of every age are encouraged to develop their self-confidence through activities in class group-work, assemblies and competitions. Our aim is that every pupil will develop his/her skills in the effective use of language, communication and presentation.
- The rounded education with which the Academy is identified is developed through a full and varied programme of co-curricular activities in which all pupils and staff are encouraged to participate.
- All pupils are encouraged to value, enjoy and develop their skills in the visual, creative and performing arts.
- All pupils are encouraged to enjoy physical exercise and competition, developing appropriate sporting skills for a healthy life, as either individuals or team members.

C. Spiritual and Moral Development

- The Academy values the teachings of all belief systems and warmly welcomes a rich diversity of faiths. Tolerance and respect for each individual regardless of background, race or creed is promoted and valued. The School adopts the tradition of Christian values and expresses those key features of tolerance, spirituality and belief in God. Our aim is to foster in pupils an appreciation and understanding of the spiritual dimension of life, as is central to the principal faiths.
- Moral judgement and respect are aims we hold for all our pupils. The sense of humanity that underpins the moral dimension of human life is seen through the daily interaction of pupils with each other and with staff. Individuals and groups within the School are expected to demonstrate understanding and respect for others.
- The concept of a 'common good' for all in the Academy Community and beyond underpins the standards expected at the School.

D. Community

- Our aim is to manifest a close and caring community. Excellent pastoral care is seen to provide a caring framework to support each individual. Our pupils leave with a strong sense of mutual respect, social responsibility, concern for the needs of others and confidence in their own ability to make a difference.
- Partnership between School and parents is at the heart of an Academy education. We deeply value parents' close association with the School and the benefit pupils obtain from their activities and fundraising.
- The Academy values the many and varied links with our former pupils, including the activities of the Academical Club and sports clubs at Raeburn Place.
- Through direct contacts, community service work and also through Edinburgh Academy Enterprises and the Edinburgh Academy Sports Ltd, the School develops and maintains various contributions to community life across Edinburgh.

E. Service and leadership

- All pupils are given practical opportunities through many varied activities to develop qualities of leadership, teamwork, tolerance and compassion.
- The Academy is committed to providing teaching and support staff with ongoing professional development and leadership training of the highest standard. All staff are encouraged to be reflective and critical in their roles, and their ongoing development is of paramount importance. Teachers are encouraged and supported in their research in education with the aim of improving professional practice.

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