# 2023 Independent Schools Inspection Summary

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Following our recent ISI Inspection, we are delighted that the Independent Schools Inspectorate has recognised Clifton Lodge School as Excellent in all areas.

It is recognition of the hard work and commitment of our staff and the attitudes to learning that are instilled in our pupils, to take advantage of all that is offered to them and 'Be your Best'.

The inspection is rigorous and split into 2 parts:

- Regulatory Compliance, focussing on safeguarding standards, health & safety, suitablility of staff, provision of information, handling of complaints and leadership.

- Educational Quality Inspection Report which includes pupils' achievements and development and ethos of the school.

## Double Excellent is the best result possible from a full educational quality and focused compliance inspection.

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# Report Headlines

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- Pupils display outstanding knowledge, skills and understanding across the curriculum.
- Pupils' attitudes towards learning and achievement are excellent.  They are very keen to learn and to the best they can.
- Pupils' communication skills are advanced for their age.

**The quality of pupils' personal development is excellent.**

- Pupils' self-understanding, self-confidence and perseverance are outstanding.
- Pupils display advanced moral sensibilities.
- Pupils' social and collaborative skills are excellent.
- Pupils' appreciation of and respect for diversity are excellent.

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> By the time they reach the end of the Reception year, a higher proportion of children in the EYFS attain a good level of development than those in early years settings nationally.

# Academic achievement

- Pupils demonstrate advanced mathematical skills and understanding for their age.
- Pupils' attitudes to learning are a strength of the school.
- Pupils referred to the school's 'virtue' of 'wisdom', saying that they wanted to be good students and do their best.
- The school fully meets its aim to produce pupils who love learning and are curious about what they do not yet know.
- Pupils exhibit advanced knowledge, skills and understanding across the range of subjects.
- Staff typically make highly effective use of probing questioning and provide pupils with very clear explanations of what is expected from them.
- The school's own assessment data show that attainment and progress over time are both excellent.

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> Pupils’ attitudes to learning are a strength of the school. They are very highly motivated to learn and succeed.

# Skills for Life

## Global Perspective

- Pupils' exhibit a deep appreciation of diversity and respect for those of different backgrounds and cultures to their own.
- Parents said that the school actively promotes values of democracy, respect and tolerance of other people.

## Confidence & Social Skills

- Pupils self-confidence and self-understanding are excellent.
- Pupils display advanced social skills.
- Pupils display outstanding moral behaviour and values.
- Staff model consistently high expectations of pupils' social interactions.

## IT Skills

- Pupils demonstrate well-developed ICT skills and confidence in using ICT devices.
- Pupils presentations are extremely well structured.

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## Art & Music

- Artwork by children in the EYFS is highly developed for their age.
- Young pupils showed creativity and a developing ability to express themselves artistically.
- Art displayed around the school exhibits a strong appreciation of features such as colour and composition.
- All pupils who have taken ABRSM music examinations in recent years have been awarded merits or distinctions.

## Sport

- Pupils have achieved outstanding success in sports for the size of the school.
- There has been individual success in cross country. Three pupils have reached the national fencing championship finals. Others achieve success with football, netball and rugby clubs, sustained by the support and coaching they receive in school.

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**Pupils develop aspirational attitudes because they experience typically very dynamic, pacey and enthusiastic teaching that motivates and excites them.**

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