



Fettes College

Open Letter to the Fettes Community

28th January 2026

I write to you today on receipt of the newly published report into Fettes by the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry chaired by Lady Smith. We were one of eight boarding schools covered by this Inquiry.

The report makes for very difficult reading. We do not shrink from the criticism levelled at the school and accept the Inquiry's findings that there were significant shortcomings.

Many young people were failed by those in positions of authority at Fettes, who could and should have acted differently. Their actions fell well below the standards expected and would be utterly unthinkable at the Fettes of today.

To our former pupils who suffered abuse at Fettes, we are truly sorry and make a full and unreserved apology to you. We also extend our deepest gratitude to those of you who bravely came forward. We understand that nothing can undo the past, but we sincerely hope that having your voices heard through the Inquiry can be a step towards healing for everyone who suffered.

The accounts of those who have given evidence to the Inquiry describing their time at school and the abuse they endured are now part of the school's history. We have listened, we have reflected and we have learned.

The culture at our school today is unrecognisable from the past, and we are encouraged that Lady Smith's report notes the positive findings of our 2025 Inspections by Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate.

However, we will never be complacent.

On behalf of the Board of Governors and the Leadership Team, I affirm our unwavering commitment to the care and protection of the children in our school.

With my best wishes

The Rt Hon Lady Morag Wise
Chair of the Board of Governors