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Futures Institute at Dollar Academy - June 2024 Update

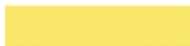
Throughout June, FIDA has continued to expand its influence through significant coverage in the national press as well as recognition in the Scottish Parliament. We're also very pleased to share our end of school year fundraising total and acknowledge the fantastic support we've received from the school's Parents' Association.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors and supporters for their generosity and commitment throughout the 2023/24 school session. Your support has been invaluable, and we eagerly anticipate what the next academic year will bring.

Continue reading to discover June's highlights, and please feel free to [contact us](#) with any questions or comments.



The Herald



FIDA in the Sunday Herald

On Sunday 23 June, The Herald ran a double-page spread on FIDA. The article was written by James McEnaney, an education journalist known for his less-than-favourable opinions of independent school education. However, having spent time with the team here at Dollar, he has seen the clear benefit of FIDA and what we're trying to achieve through the initiative. In the article, he writes

"When it comes to deciding what I write about, I'm always going to be looking for initiatives and approaches that could, under the right circumstances, help to make things better for every pupil in Scotland. FIDA is one such initiative, and the new International Sustainability Diploma could provide a model for at least some of the reforms that our outdated education system desperately needs."

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Diploma developments

This month saw the formal launch of our International Sustainability Diploma in four schools that are piloting the course in the 2024/25 session: Inverness Royal Academy, Speyside High, Alloa Academy and Braes High (Falkirk). They will be joined in August by Clifton Hall School in Edinburgh and, of course, Dollar Academy. It is very encouraging to see such a wide geographical spread of schools, indicating the breadth of interest in the new qualification. The pilot will provide valuable experience and insight as we prepare to offer the Diploma more widely in 2025/26.

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Motion in the Scottish Parliament

Alexander Stewart, the MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife, raised a motion in the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 6 June on the launch of the FIDA International Sustainability Diploma. During the motion Mr Stewart wished FIDA 'all the very best with this excellent initiative'. The motion received support from SNP and Conservative and Unionist MSPs.

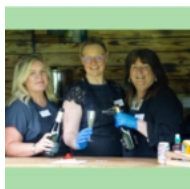
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End of school year - Fundraising Total

As we approach the end of the school session 2023/24, we are delighted to report that in total we have raised **over £1.3million** for our Futures Institute during this academic year. Donors have been Former Pupils, Governors, Former Parents, Current Parents, and local businesses. Every contribution, no matter the size, has taken us a step closer to achieving our goal, and we are extremely grateful for the unwavering support from our fantastic school community.

[Help us get closer to our goal here](#)



DAPA at Sports Weekend

The Dollar Academy Parents' Association (DAPA) organised another successful fundraising event for FIDA during Sports Weekend, delighting spectators with Prosecco and strawberry tarts. Over the three-day event – Thursday, Friday, and Saturday – they raised over £2000. A special thank you to the incredible DAPA volunteers for their unwavering support of our fundraising efforts.

UNSDG - Goal of the Month

Special Focus - Environment - Goals 13, 14 & 15. There has never been a more urgent need to protect and restore the environment. Without consolidated efforts to safeguard our planet's climate, biodiversity and finite resources, there can be no sustainable future.

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What our donors say...

"We are so proud of having attended Dollar Academy. We have held the school in high esteem throughout our lives, visiting as and when we can. We have enjoyed seeing Dollar expand over the years and look forward to the success of the Futures Institute."

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