

Care, Learning and Housing Committee - 21 August 2019

Item 3 – Good News/Outstanding Achievements

Highland Pupils Achieve Excellent Results

Highland S4 pupils have recorded excellent levels of National 5 awards with 45% pupils in S5 achieving 5 National 5s – an increase of 6% since 2015 and an increase of 2.5 % compared to last year.

There has also been a significant increase (8%) in the number of passes in Higher English - 94% passed this year compared to 86% last year. Similarly there has also been an increase (5%) in the number of passes in Highland Maths - with 87% passed this year compared to 82% last year.

A dramatic decrease in the number of no awards at Higher (440 less no awards compared to last year) was also very welcoming.

A-grade awards at Higher have increased by 0.8 % and there is a 20% increase in 2019 of pupils attaining 5 A-grades compared to 2018. Overall the exam results in S5 are very strong.

All Maths and English pass rates are significantly better this year at Higher and National 5 and the Council is very pleased to see a significant improvement in the attainment of young people from the most deprived backgrounds in 2019 compared to 2018 with:

- 9 % increase in Higher passes for these pupils compared to 6% for all pupils
- 12% increase in Higher English passes for these pupils compared to 8% for all pupils
- 8% increase in Higher Maths passes for these pupils compared to 4% for all pupils.

St Brides Primary

A group of pupils from St Bride's Primary School entered the VEX Robotics competition in Glasgow on Friday, 31st May'19 and came in 3rd equal. They were competing with both Primary & Secondary pupils.

Lundavra Primary in Fort William

P6 class attended the Social Enterprise Academy awards at Eden Court at the beginning of June where they received an award for the Community Café social enterprise project that they have been running this year.

Scottish Education Awards

Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar won the Gaelic Education Award. This achievement was made possible primarily through the dedication and hard work of the Head Teacher, teachers and support staff at the school as well as the continuing partnerships with parents, volunteers and outside agencies.

Fortrose Academy

We're thrilled to announce that [Venture](#), from Fortrose Academy, have had an amazing journey since their local Company Programme Finals in March.

Not only did Venture win the overall ***Can Do Scotland Company of the Year Award***, they headed home from Edinburgh with four other awards; the ***SIS Social Impact Award***, ***SQA Link Teacher of the Year Award***, won by Margaret Rhynas from Fortrose Academy, ***Accenture Digital Presence Award*** and Fin Davidson, one of the pupils on the Venture team won the ***City of Glasgow College Journey Award***.

Cradlehall Learning Bus

Thanks to Building Maintenance Trades Apprentices: James Beaumont, Eryk Walentyn, Kiera Tobin, Mathew Reffin and Cameron Davidson for carrying out electrical, plumbing and joinery work to help convert a double decker bus into a learning resource at Cradlehall Primary School. This was a great opportunity for the apprentices to get some experience in an unusual environment, and also to contribute to an innovative and exciting new resource at the school.