

The Highland Council

Agenda Item	5.
Report No	CC/07/24

Committee:	Caithness Committee
Date:	20 May 2024
Report Title:	Wick High School Associated School Group Attainment Overview
Report By:	Assistant Chief Executive of People

1.	Purpose/Executive Summary
1.1	This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Wick High School Associated School Group and provides useful updated links to further information in relation to these schools.
1.2	The primary schools in this area serve 858 pupils, ELC settings serve 209 children (166 in LA settings and 43 in Partner settings as at September Census), with the secondary school serving 735 young people.
2.	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to: i. Scrutinise and note the content of the report.
3.	Implications
3.1	Resource - There is no financial implication of this report.
3.2	Legal - There is no legal implication of this report.
3.3	Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) - There is no implication on community in this report.
3.4	Climate Change / Carbon Clever - There is no implication of this in this report.
3.5	Risk -There is no risk implication in this report.

3.6 Gaelic - There is no implication on Gaelic in this report.

4. School Information

4.1 School website links

Secondary – **Link to [Wick High](#) website**

Primary [Link to School information on Highland Council website](#)

School	Link to School Webpage
Bower Primary	Link
Canisbay Primary	Link
Dunbeath Primary	Link
Keiss Primary	Link
Lybster Primary	Link
Newton Park Primary	Link
Noss Primary	Website Under Construction
Thrumster Primary	Link
Watten Primary	Link

4.2 Standards and Quality Reports – latest reports

School	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Wick High	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Bower Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good
Canisbay Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good
Dunbeath Primary	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Satisfactory
Keiss Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good
Lybster Primary	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Satisfactory
Newton Park Primary	Good	Good	Very Good	Very Good
Noss Primary	Good	Good	Very Good	Satisfactory

ELC	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Canisbay Primary Nursery	Good	Good	Very Good	Good
Dunbeath Primary Nursery	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Satisfactory
Keiss Primary Nursery	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good

4.3 Education Scotland Inspection reports

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Wick High School	21/03/23	Link
Bower Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Canisbay Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Dunbeath Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Keiss Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Lybster Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Newton Park Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Noss Primary	11/02/20	Link
Thrumster Primary	21/01/20	Link
Watten Primary	21/11/23	Link

Note: Education Scotland website shows review and inspection reports in last 5 years, older reports are no longer available to view on the site.

5 School Roll

5.1 ASG SCHOOL ROLLS – Session 2023-24

Primary School	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Bower Primary	2	2	4	2	3	1	8	22
Canisbay Primary	6	5	3	6	6	1	13	40
Dunbeath Primary	6	3	5	6	4	6	0	30
Keiss Primary	1	3	6	7	6	7	8	38
Lybster Primary	6	7	12	8	9	6	16	64
Newton Park Primary	44	36	32	48	43	48	48	299
Noss Primary	41	37	31	45	59	42	43	298
Thrumster Primary	5	4	6	4	1	8	2	30
Watten Primary	7	2	7	4	4	8	5	37
Total:	118	99	106	130	135	127	143	858

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TOTAL S1-S6
Wick High School	143	137	140	152	109	54	735

5.2 School Roll and Capacity Forecasts: The school roll and capacity forecast for the ASG are in Appendix 1.

6 Attendance/Absence/Exclusions – Session 2022/23

Primary Schools	%Actual Attendance	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No of Exclusions	Exclusion Rates per 1000 pupils
National Primary(2022-23)	92.2%	5.3%	2.6%	1760	4.5
Highland Primary (2022-23)	92.0%	6.1%	c	c	c
Bower Primary	95.7%	3.2%	1.0%	0	0
Canisbay Primary	90.1%	9.0%	0.8%	0	0

Dunbeath Primary	95.3%	3.5%	1.2%	0	0
Keiss Primary	95.3%	4.1%	0.6%	0	0
Lybster Primary	92.2%	5.5%	2.3%	0	0
Newton Park Primary	92.1%	5.3%	2.6%	0	0
Noss Primary	92.2%	4.9%	3.0%	0	0
Thrumster Primary	94.1%	5.0%	0.9%	0	0
Watten Primary	91.2%	7.7%	1.1%	0	0

Note: "c" represents small numbers that are suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Secondary School	%Actual Attendance	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No of Exclusions	Exclusion Rates per 1000 pupils
National Secondary (2022-23)	87.7%	7.1%	5.1%	9724	31.5
Highland Secondary (2022-23)	86.8%	8.1%	4.9%	587	42.2
Wick High School	85.6%	9.4%	5.0%	10	13.6

7 Attainment Profile

7.1 Primary Attainment – Pupils Achieving Expected National Curriculum for Excellence Levels - P1,4,7 Combined, Literacy and Numeracy

2022/23	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		80%	75%	87%	80%
Highland		74%	68%	74%	72%
Bower Primary	5	C	C	C	C
Canisbay Primary	13	C	C	C	C
Dunbeath Primary	10	C	C	C	C
Keiss Primary	18	C	C	C	C
Lybster Primary	26	80-90%	70-80%	80-90%	90+%
Newton Park Primary	128	70-80%	60-70%	80-90%	70-80%
Noss Primary	150	60-70%	50-60%	60-70%	50-60%
Thrumster Primary	11	C	C	C	C
Watten Primary	10	C	C	C	C

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2021/22	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		78%	73%	86%	78%
Highland		71%	63%	81%	69%
Bower Primary	10	C	C	C	C
Canisbay Primary	14	C	C	C	C
Dunbeath Primary	16	C	C	C	C

Keiss Primary	17	C	C	C	C
Lybster Primary	36	60-70%	50-60%	60-70%	60-70%
Newton Park Primary	127	60-70%	60-70%	80-90%	60-70%
Noss Primary	119	50-60%	50-60%	70-80%	50-60%
Thrumster Primary	17	C	C	C	C
Watten Primary	17	C	C	C	C
2020/21					
	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		75%	70%	83%	75%
Highland		62%	54%	72%	60%
Bower Primary	12	C	C	C	C
Canisbay Primary	22	80-90%	80-90%	90+%	80-90%
Dunbeath Primary	11	C	C	C	C
Keiss Primary	24	60-70%	70-80%	90+%	60-70%
Lybster Primary	40	50-60%	40-50%	50-60%	50-60%
Newton Park Primary	147	50-60%	30-40%	70-80%	40-50%
Noss Primary	128	50-60%	40-50%	80-90%	50-60%
Thrumster Primary	15	C	C	C	C
Watten Primary	19	C	C	C	C

7.2

Secondary Attainment**School leavers Achieving Literacy**

Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Literacy	% Level 5 Literacy
Wick High School	2022	93%	77%
Virtual Comparator	2022	89%	81%
Wick High School	2021	90%	71%
Virtual Comparator	2021	88%	70%
Wick High School	2020	92%	80%
Virtual Comparator	2020	90%	79%

School Leavers Achieving Numeracy

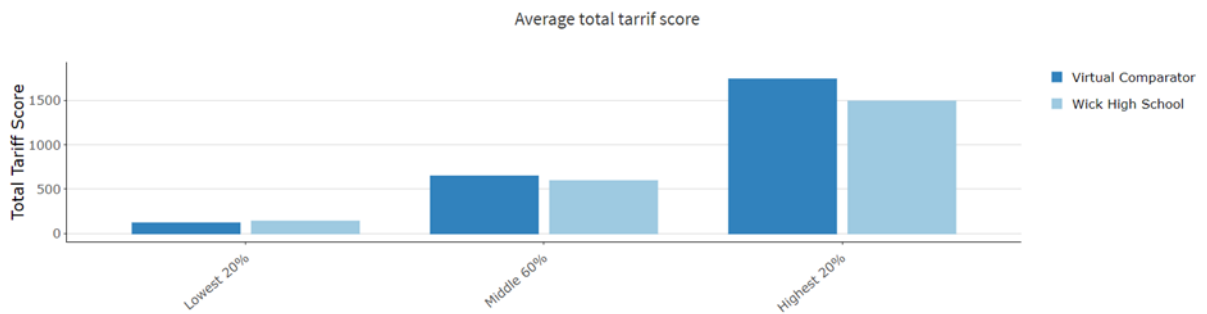
Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Numeracy	% Level 5 Numeracy
Wick High School	2022	90%	66%
Virtual Comparator	2022	91%	68%
Wick High School	2021	87%	59%
Virtual Comparator	2021	84%	55%
Wick High School	2020	90%	68%
Virtual Comparator	2020	88%	62%

Senior Phase

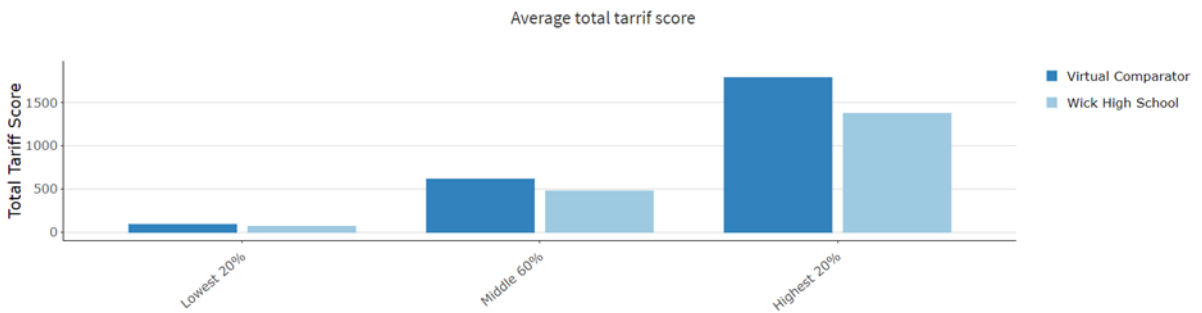
Average Total Tariff Score for Leavers

Establishment	Year	Lowest 20%	Middle 60%	Highest 20%
Wick High School	2022	117	645	1738
Virtual Comparator	2022	137	592	1489
Wick High School	2021	86	611	1785
Virtual Comparator	2021	64	474	1371
Wick High School	2020	122	808	1897
Virtual Comparator	2020	97	724	1599

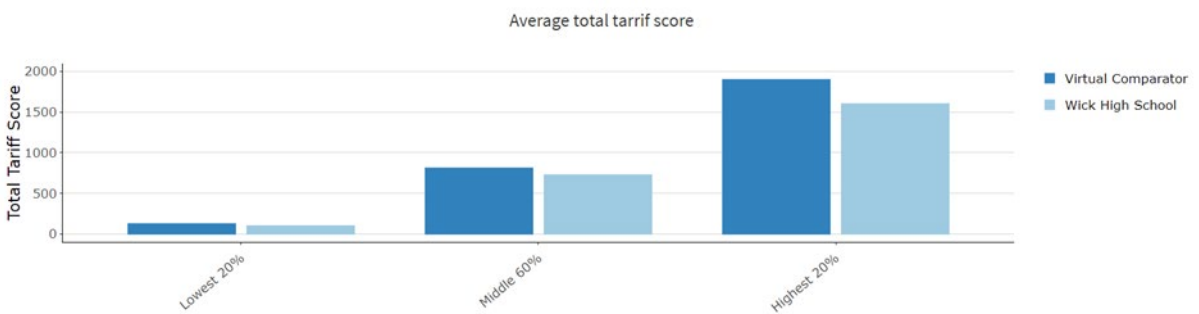
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2021



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Leaver destination information is taken from the School Leaver Destination data collected by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) on behalf of the Scottish Government.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Wick High School	94.64	93.94	95.24
Highland	94.33	94.45	95.27
Scotland	95.48	95.74	95.87

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Wick High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2020/21	112	2328	50719
2021/22	137	2559	55211
2022/23	139	2474	54719

Destinations of Pupils (%):

DESTINATION	Wick High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	20/21	21/22	22/23	20/21	21/22	22/23	20/21	21/22	22/23
Higher Education	43.75	25.54	26.62	36.38	34.11	33.10	45.11	41.27	40.3
Further Education	22.32	23.35	28.78	18.08	19.54	20.53	23.29	25.45	26.62
Training	6.25	5.8	0.72	2.71	1.52	1.9	3.67	2.91	3.35
Employment	20.54	34.3	40.29	36.6	38.73	39.05	22.58	25.12	24.34
Voluntary	0.89	0	0	0.43	0.31	0.53	0.37	0.47	0.52
Activity Agreements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unemployed Seeking	3.57	4.37	2.16	3.14	2.89	2.95	2.53	2.32	2.24
Unemployed Not Seeking	1.79	3.64	1.44	2.1	1.76	1.62	1.69	1.55	1.57
Unknown	0	2.9	0	0.43	0.9	0.16	0.3	0.4	0.32

Note: National averages have been calculated from the figures for all available local authority and grant-aided schools, whereas the local authority averages are based on local authority schools only.

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Background Papers:

Appendices: School Roll and Capacity Forecast for ASG

