

The Highland Council

Agenda Item	5.
Report No	CC/03/24

Committee:	Caithness Committee
Date:	29 January 2024
Report Title:	Thurso Associated School Group Attainment Overview
Report By:	Executive Chief Officer, Education & Learning

1.	Purpose/Executive Summary
1.1	This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Thurso High Associated School Group (ASG) and provides useful updated links to further information in relation to these schools.
1.2	The primary schools in this area serve 841 pupils, ELC settings serve 156 children (106 in LA settings and 50 in Voluntary Partner settings as at September Census), with the secondary school serving 753 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 are no specific implication in this report in regard to community.
3.4	Climate Change / Carbon Clever – There is no implication in this area due to this report.
3.5	Risk – There is no identified risk in regard to this report.
3.6	Gaelic – No implication of this report.
4.	School Information

4.1

School website links

Secondary – [Link to Thurso High School website](#)Primary [Link to School information on Highland Council website](#)

School	Link to School Webpage
Castletown Primary	Link
Crossroads Primary	Link
Halkirk Primary	<u>Website Under Construction*</u>
Miller Academy Primary	Link
Mount Pleasant Primary	<u>Website Under Construction*</u>
Pennyland Primary	<u>Website Under Construction*</u>
Reay 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
Castletown Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good
Crossroads Primary	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Halkirk Primary	Good	Good	Very Good	Good
Miller Academy Primary	Very good	Very good	Very good	Very good
Mount Pleasant Primary	Very good	Good	Good	Satisfactory
Pennyland Primary	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Good
Reay Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good

ELC	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Castletown PS Nursery	Good	Good	Good	Good
Miller Academy PS Nursery	Very good	Very good	Very good	Very good
Mount Pleasant PS Nursery	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Pennyland PS Nursery	Good	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

4.3 Education Scotland Inspection reports

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Castletown Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Crossroads Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Halkirk Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Miller Academy Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Mount Pleasant Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Pennyland Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Reay Primary	+ 5 Years	Link

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 Buildings**

5.1 Link to [School Roll Forecast and capacity](#)

6. **Pupil Information**

6.1 **Attainment Profile**

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

2022/23 P1/4/7 combined	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		78%	73%	86%	78%
Highland		72%	63%	79%	68%
Castletown Primary	40	78%	73%	88%	70%
Crossroads Primary	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Halkirk Primary	35	82%	76%	91%	79%
Miller Academy Primary	88	82%	90%	94%	89%
Mount Pleasant Primary	87	65%	59%	75%	65%
Pennyland Primary	91	68%	59%	87%	74%
Reay Primary	17	94%	78%	89%	83%

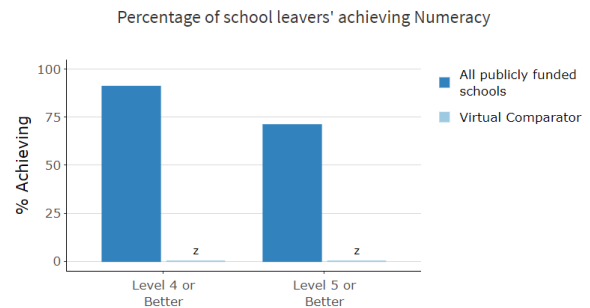
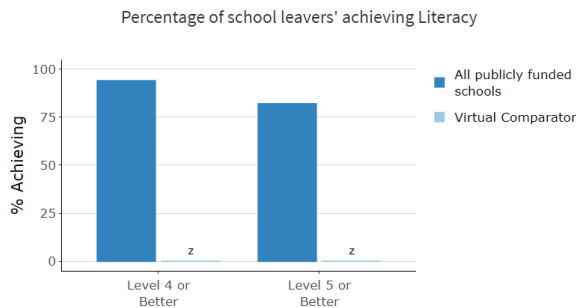
Attainment Data for Secondary School

Improving Attainment in Literacy & Numeracy

Measure: Pupils Achieving Expected National Curriculum for Excellence Levels by the end of S3

2022/23	S3 Roll	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		88%	87%	89%	90%
Authority		85%	84%	86%	87%
Thurso High	147	93%	95%	95%	95%

Senior Phase



6.2

Pupil Destinations 16+

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		
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Thurso High	89.17	95.33	93.29
Highland	92.55	94.33	94.45
Scotland	93.36	95.48	95.74

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Thurso High	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2019/20	120	2216	47435
2020/21	150	2328	50719
2021/22	149	2559	55211

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Thurso High			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	19/20	20/21	21/22	19/20	20/21	21/22	19/20	20/21	21/22
Higher Education	40.83	31.33	38.26	23.83	36.38	34.08	44.20	45.11	41.27
Further Education	27.50	31.33	24.16	25.41	18.08	19.58	28.06	23.29	25.45
Training	2.50	2.67	0	3.20	2.71	1.52	3.68	3.67	2.92
Employment	18.33	29.33	28.86	23.83	36.60	38.73	16.18	22.58	25.11
Voluntary	0	0.67	1.34	0.50	0.43	0.31	0.45	0.37	0.47
Activity Agreements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unemployed Seeking	5.00	2.00	3.36	4.42	3.14	2.89	4.14	2.53	2.32
Unemployed Not Seeking	5.83	2.00	2.01	2.17	2.10	1.76	1.83	1.69	1.54
Unknown	0	0.67	1.34	0.86	0.43	0.90	0.67	0.30	0.40

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: ASG School Rolls – Session 2023-24

Appendix 1

ASG SCHOOL ROLLS – Session 2023-24

Primary School	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Castletown Primary	10	9	10	13	10	19	11	82
Crossroads Primary	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	7
Halkirk Primary	12	10	17	18	4	13	9	83
Miller Academy Primary	41	39	28	40	30	41	48	267
Mount Pleasant Primary	21	30	28	22	33	27	25	186
Pennyland Primary	13	20	37	18	30	30	32	180
Reay Primary	5	4	6	8	5	3	5	36
Total:	103	112	129	120	113	133	131	841

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TOTAL S1-S6
Thurso High School	130	134	142	147	117	83	753