

Agenda Item	7
Report No	NC/11/25

The Highland Council

Committee: Nairnshire Committee

Date: 26.05.2025

Report Title: Nairn Academy Associated School Group Overview

Report By: Assistant Chief Executive, People

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Nairn Academy 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 832 pupils, ELC settings serve 142 children (107 in LA settings and 35 in Partner settings as at September Census), with the secondary school serving 685 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 implication on community in this report.
- 3.4 Risk
The Service is committed to a sustained focus on progress and improvement to mitigate against the risk of under-performance which impacts on children and young people being able to achieve their full potential.
- 3.5 Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)
There are no health and safety risks arising from this report.
- 3.6 Gaelic
Continued improvements in primary phase Gaelic Medium Education attainment will support progress in secondary.

4. Impacts

- 4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children's Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.
- 4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.
- 4.3 This is an update report and therefore an impact assessment is not required.

5. School website links

- 5.1 Secondary – [Link to Nairn Academy website](#)

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

School	Link to School Webpage
Auldearn Primary	Link
Cawdor Primary	Link
Millbank Primary	Website Under Construction
Rosebank Primary	Link

- 5.2 Standards and Quality Reports – latest reports

School	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Nairn Academy	Very Good	Satisfactory	Good	Good
Auldearn Primary	Good	Good	Very Good	Good
Cawdor Primary	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Millbank Primary	Good	Good	Good	Satisfactory
Rosebank Primary	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

ELC	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Auldearn Primary ELC	Good	Good	Very Good	Good
Cawdor Primary ELC	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Millbank Primary ELC	Good	Good	Good	Good
Rosebank Primary ELC	Good	Good	Very Good	Good

6. Education Scotland Inspection reports

6.1

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Nairn Academy	+ 5 Years	Link
Auldearn Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Cawdor Primary	12/09/23	Link
Millbank Primary	26/09/23	Link
Rosebank Primary	24/01/23	Link

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

7. School Rolls

7.1 ASG SCHOOL ROLLS – Session 2024-25

Primary School	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Auldearn Primary	22	24	30	24	29	32	31	192
Cawdor Primary	10	13	17	19	14	30	17	120
Millbank Primary	37	36	33	35	42	40	29	252
Rosebank Primary	33	38	32	45	34	54	32	268
Total	102	111	112	123	119	156	109	832

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TOTAL S1-S6
Nairn Academy	128	136	133	120	103	65	685

7.2 School Roll and Capacity Forecasts

The school roll and capacity forecast for the ASG can be found here:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/818/school_roll_forecasts

8. Attendance/Absence/Exclusions – Session 2022/23

8.1

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
Auldearn Primary	94.0%	4.9%	1.1%	0	0
Cawdor Primary	93.7%	4.8%	1.5%	0	0
Millbank Primary	92.3%	6.1%	c	c	c
Rosebank Primary	92.3%	6.1%	c	c	c

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
Nairn Academy	87.6%	7.6%	4.8%	8	12.12

9. Attainment Profile

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

2023/24	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		80.5%	76.2%	87.3%	80.3%
Highland		76.4%	70.9%	86.5%	74.4%
Auldearn Primary	77	80-90%	70-80%	90+%	80-90%
Cawdor Primary	46	80-90%	80-90%	90+%	70-80%
Millbank Primary	101	60-70%	50-60%	80-90%	60-70%
Rosebank Primary	110	80-90%	70-80%	80-90%	80-90%

2022/23	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		80%	75%	87%	80%
Highland		74%	68%	74%	72%
Auldearn Primary	90	90+%	80-90%	90+%	80-90%
Cawdor Primary	60	80-90%	80-90%	90+%	80-90%
Millbank Primary	109	50-60%	60-70%	60-70%	60-70%
Rosebank Primary	131	70-80%	70-80%	90+%	70-80%

2021/22	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		78%	73%	86%	78%
Highland		71%	63%	81%	69%
Auldearn Primary	69	80-90%	70-80%	90+%	80-90%
Cawdor Primary	51	80-90%	80-90%	90+%	80-90%
Millbank Primary	108	60-70%	50-60%	70-80%	50-60%
Rosebank Primary	140	70-80%	60-70%	80-90%	60-70%

9.2 Secondary Attainment

School leavers Achieving Literacy

Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Literacy	% Level 5 Literacy
Nairn Academy	2022/23	C	87%
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	C	83%
Nairn Academy	2021/22	90%	82%
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	95%	80%
Nairn Academy	2020/21	93%	78%
Virtual Comparator	2020/21	93%	77%

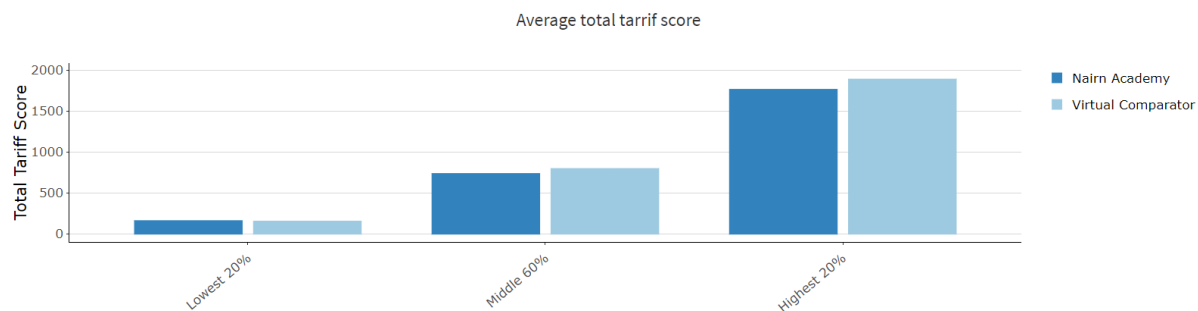
School Leavers Achieving Numeracy

Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Numeracy	% Level 5 Numeracy
Nairn Academy	2022/23	92%	73%
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	91%	71%
Nairn Academy	2021/22	91%	71%
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	92%	68%
Nairn Academy	2020/21	83%	56%
Virtual Comparator	2020/21	90%	62%

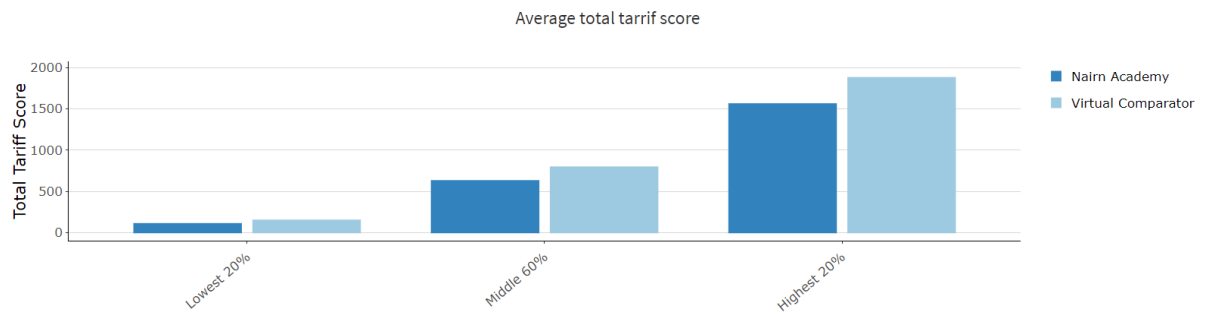
Senior Phase Average Total Tariff Score for Leavers

Establishment	Year	Lowest 20%	Middle 60%	Highest 20%
Nairn Academy	2022/23	157	733	1762
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	151	794	1887
Nairn Academy	2021/22	106	627	1559
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	148	793	1877
Nairn Academy	2020/21	73	580	1686
Virtual Comparator	2020/21	122	683	1861

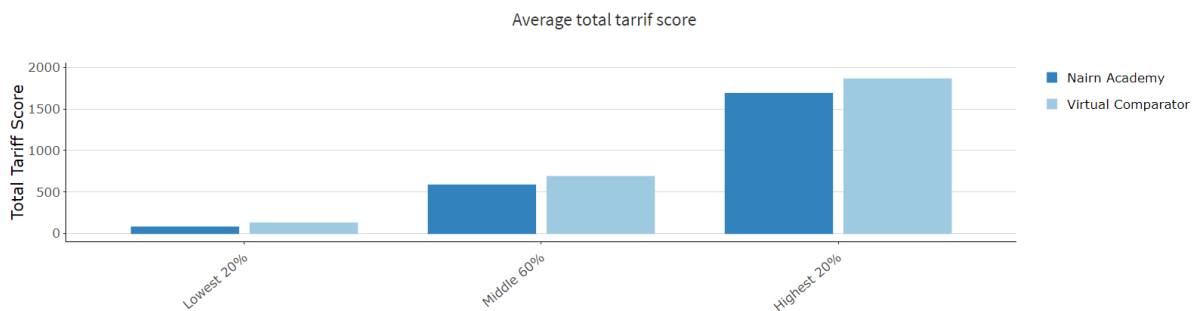
9.3 2022/23



9.4 2021/22



9.5 2020/21



9.6 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		
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Nairn Academy	91.15	96.85	94.78
Highland	94.33	94.45	95.27
Scotland	95.48	95.74	95.87

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Nairn Academy	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2020/21	113	2328	50719
2021/22	127	2559	55211
2022/23	115	2474	54719

Destinations of Pupils (%)

	Nairn Academy			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
DESTINATION	20/21	21/22	22/23	20/21	21/22	22/23	20/21	21/22	22/23
Higher Education	32.74	24.40	43.48	36.38	34.11	33.10	45.11	41.27	40.3
Further Education	20.35	26.77	25.22	18.08	19.54	20.53	23.29	25.45	26.62
Training	4.42	0	1.74	2.71	1.52	1.9	3.67	2.91	3.35
Employment	33.63	44.09	24.35	36.6	38.73	39.05	22.58	25.12	24.34
Voluntary	0	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	4.42	1.57	1.74	3.14	2.89	2.95	2.53	2.32	2.24
Unemployed Not Seeking	4.42	1.57	1.74	2.1	1.76	1.62	1.69	1.55	1.57
Unknown	0	0	1.74	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: Appendix 1 – School Roll and Capacity Forecast for ASG