

Agenda Item	12iv
Report No	LA/13/26

The Highland Council

Committee: **Lochaber Committee**

Date: **26 January 2026**

Report Title: **Mallaig High Associated School Group Overview**

Report By: **Assistant Chief Executive – People Cluster**

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Mallaig 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 120 pupils, ELC settings serve 20 children (20 in LA settings as at September Census), with the secondary school serving 104 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 are no implications arising from this report.
- 3.2 Legal
 - There are no implications arising from this report.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)
 - There are no implications arising from this report.
- 3.5 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 Mallaig High website](#)
Primary – [Link to School information on Highland Council website](#)

School	Link to School Webpage
Arisaig Primary	Arisaig Primary website
Eigg Primary	Eigg Primary website
Inverie Primary	Inverie Primary website
Lady Lovat Primary	Lady Lovat Primary website
Mallaig Primary	Mallaig Primary website
Muck Primary	Muck Primary website
Rum Primary	Rum Primary website

- 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
Mallaig High School	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good
Arisaig Primary	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Eigg Primary	Good	Good	Good	Satisfactory
Inverie Primary	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good
Lady Lovat Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good
Mallaig Primary	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Muck Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good

ELC	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Arisaig PS Nursery	Weak	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Eigg PS Nursery	Good	Good	Good	Good
Inverie PS Nursery	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good
Mallaig PS Nursery	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Good
Muck PS Nursery	Good	Good	Good	Good
Rum PS Nursery	Good	Good	Very Good	Good

6. Education Scotland Inspection Reports

6.1

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Arisaig Primary	2/7/2023	Link
Eigg Primary	*+ 5 Years	Link
Inverie Primary	*+ 5 Years	Link
Lady Lovat Primary	*+ 5 Years	Link
Mallaig Primary	*+ 5 Years	Link
Muck Primary	*+ 5 Years	Link
Rum Primary	6/27/2023	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 2025-26

Primary School	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Arisaig Primary	8	2	5	2	8		3	28
Eigg Primary	1	3	1	1	1	2		9
Inverie Primary	2	2	1	1			2	8
Lady Lovat Primary		1	2	3	2	1	3	12
Mallaig Primary	2	6	12	9	10	6	7	52
Muck Primary		1	2	1			1	5
Rum Primary	1	1	1	1		2		6
Total	14	16	24	18	21	11	16	120

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TOTAL S1-S6
Mallaig High School	17	19	19	14	22	13	104

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 2024/25

8.1

Primary Schools	% Actual Attendance	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	(2024/25) No of Exclusions	(2024/25) Exclusion Rates per 1000 pupils
National Primary (2024-25)	93.10%	4.30%	2.60%	2004	5.3
Highland Primary (2024-25)	92.70%	5.10%	C	61	C
Arisaig Primary	89.88%	4.09%	6.03%	-	-
Eigg Primary	93.26%	3.29%	3.45%	-	-
Inverie Primary	91.52%	3.47%	5.01%	-	-
Lady Lovat Primary	92.83%	3.99%	3.18%	-	-
Mallaig Primary	92.12%	5.23%	2.65%	-	-
Muck Primary	97.27%	C	1.94%	-	-
Rum Primary	92.35%	7.65%	0.00%	-	-

Secondary School	% Actual Attendance	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	(2024/25) No of Exclusions	(2024/25) Exclusion Rates per 1000 pupils
National Secondary (2024-25)	88.40%	6.60%	5.00%	8472	26.9
Highland Secondary (2024-25)	86.80%	7.50%	5.70%	454	32.7
Mallaig High School	89.36%	6.62%	C	C	C

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9. Attainment Profile

9.1

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

2024/25	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		81%	77%	88%	80%
Highland		77%	72%	87%	75%
Arisaig Primary	12	C	C	C	C
Eigg Primary	6	C	C	C	C
Inverie Primary	3	C	C	C	C
Lady Lovat Primary	7	C	C	C	C
Mallaig Primary	26	C	C	C	60-70%
Muck Primary	2	C	C	C	C
Rum Primary	1	C	C	C	C

2023/24	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		81%	76%	87%	80%
Highland		76%	71%	87%	74%
Arisaig Primary	8	c	c	c	c
Eigg Primary	3	c	c	c	c
Inverie Primary	4	c	c	c	c
Lady Lovat Primary	4	c	c	c	c
Mallaig Primary	32	c	c	c	80-90%
Muck Primary	2	c	c	c	c
Rum Primary	4	c	c	c	c

2022/23	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		80%	75%	87%	80%
Highland		74%	68%	74%	72%
Arisaig Primary	13	c	c	c	c
Eigg Primary	2	c	c	c	c
Inverie Primary	5	c	c	c	c
Lady Lovat Primary	4	c	c	c	c
Mallaig Primary	27	c	c	c	c
Muck Primary	3	c	c	c	c
Rum Primary	2	c	c	c	c

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9.2 Secondary Attainment – Literacy

School Leavers Achieving Literacy			
Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Literacy	% Level 5 Literacy
Mallaig High School	2023/24	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	C	C
Mallaig High School	2022/23	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	C	C
Mallaig High School	2021/22	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	C	C

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9.2.1 Secondary Attainment – Numeracy

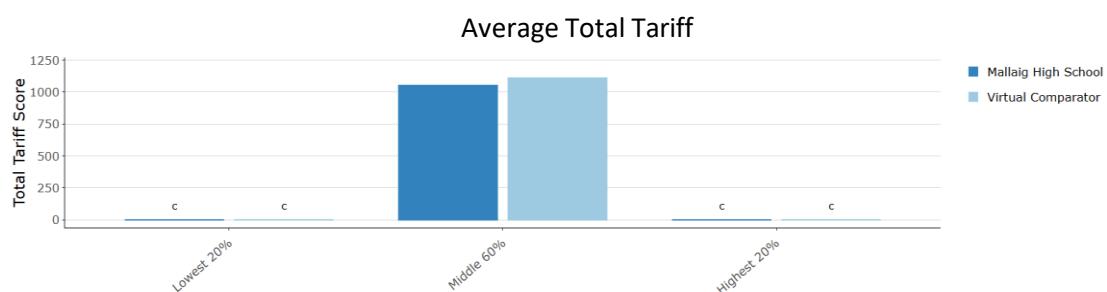
School Leavers Achieving Numeracy			
Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Numeracy	% Level 5 Numeracy
Mallaig High School	2023/24	C	72%
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	C	82%
Mallaig High School	2022/23	C	74%
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	C	74%
Mallaig High School	2021/22	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	C	C

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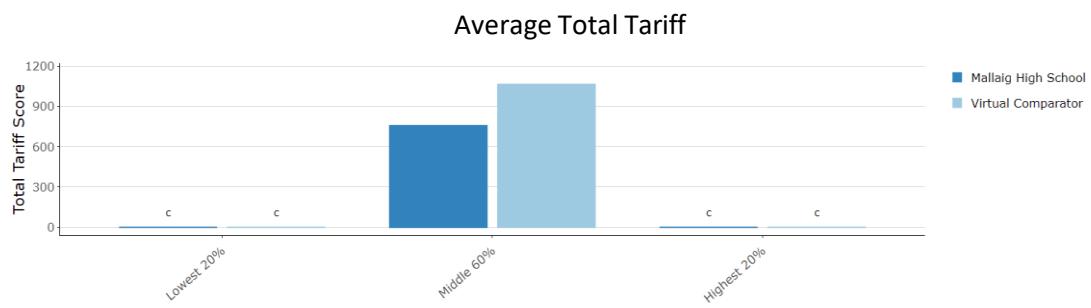
9.2.2 Senior Phase

Average Total Tariff for Leavers				
Establishment	Year	Lowest 20%	Middle 60%	Highest 20%
Mallaig High School	2023/24	C	1052	C
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	C	1110	C
Mallaig High School	2022/23	C	757	C
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	C	1064	C
Mallaig High School	2021/22	C	1091	C
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	C	1135	C

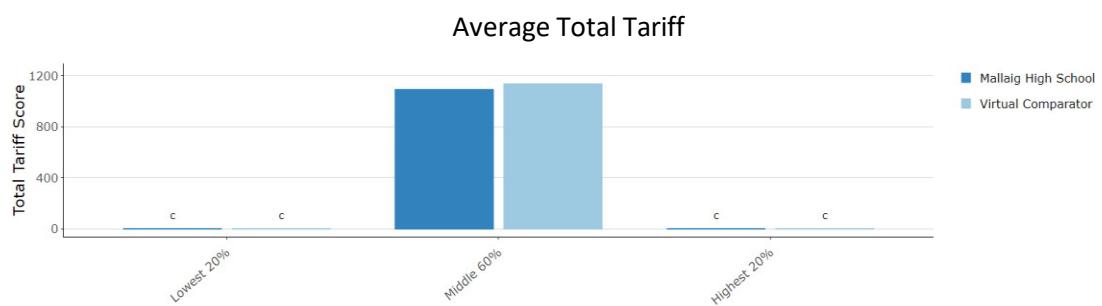
9.3 2023/24



9.4 2022/23



9.5 2021/22



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		
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Mallaig High School	94.12	100	94.44
Highland	94.45	95.27	96.5
Scotland	95.74	95.87	95.71

9.6.1 Number of pupils leaving in school year:

	Mallaig High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2021/22	17	2559	55211
2022/23	19	2474	54719
2023/24	18	2629	55961

9.6.2 Destination of pupils (%):

DESTINATION	Mallaig High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	21/22	22/23	23/24	21/22	22/23	23/24	21/22	22/23	23/24
Higher Education	Higher Education	29.41	31.58	27.78	34.11	33.1	32.07	41.27	40.3
Further Education	Further Education	17.64	36.84	16.67	19.54	20.53	20.39	25.45	26.62
Training	Training	0	0	0	1.52	1.9	3.04	2.91	3.35
Employment	Employment	47.05	31.58	50	38.73	39.05	40.4	25.12	24.34
Voluntary	Voluntary	0	0	0	0.31	0.53	0.42	0.47	0.52
Activity Agreements	Activity Agreements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unemployed Seeking	Unemployed Seeking	0	0	0	2.89	2.95	2.05	2.32	2.24
Unemployed Not Seeking	Unemployed Not Seeking	0	0	5.56	1.76	1.62	1.45	1.55	1.57
Unknown	Unknown	5.88	0	0	0.9	0.16	0	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 Notes:

- (For all figures marked with "C")
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- All data used within this report comes from the most recently published source.

Appendices: n/a