

Agenda Item	5b
Report No	BIER-07-26

The Highland Council

Committee: Black Isle and Easter Ross Area Committee

Date: 26 January 2026

Report Title: Fortrose Academy 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 Fortrose 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 689 pupils, ELC settings serve 143 children (93 in LA settings and 50 in Partner settings as at September Census), with the secondary school serving 621 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 Fortrose Academy website](#)
Primary – [Link to School information on Highland Council website](#)

School	Link to School Webpage
Avoch Primary	Avoch Primary website
Cromarty Primary	Cromarty Primary website
Culbokie Primary	Culbokie Primary website
Munlochy Primary	Munlochy Primary website
North Kessock Primary	North Kessock Primary website
Resolis Primary	Resolis Primary website
Tore Primary	Tore 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
Avoch Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good
Cromarty Primary	Very Good	Good	Very Good	Very Good
Culbokie Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good
Munlochy Primary	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Satisfactory
North Kessock Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good
Resolis Primary	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Good
Tore Primary	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Satisfactory

ELC	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Avoch Primary ELC	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Culbokie Primary ELC	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Satisfactory
North Kessock Primary ELC	Satisfactory	Good	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Resolis Primary ELC	Very Good	Good	Very Good	Very Good

6. Education Scotland Inspection Reports

6.1

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Avoch Primary	*+ 5 Years	Link
Cromarty Primary	12/14/2021	Link
Culbokie Primary	*+ 5 Years	Link
Munlochy Primary	3/26/2024	Link
North Kessock Primary	*+ 5 Years	Link
Resolis Primary	*+ 5 Years	Link
Tore 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.

7. School Rolls

7.1

ASG School Rolls – Session 2025-26

Primary School	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Avoch Primary	32	36	39	36	37	42	42	264
Cromarty Primary	8	4	10	9	7	6	7	51
Culbokie Primary	7	18	14	10	21	10	18	98
Munlochy Primary	4	9	8	11	10	14	16	72
North Kessock Primary	23	20	22	21	22	19	14	141
Resolis Primary	8	8	7	6	6	8	7	50
Tore Primary	2	0	0	3	2	5	1	13
Total	84	95	100	96	105	104	105	689

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TOTAL S1-S6
Fortrose Academy	103	120	106	122	102	68	621

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
Avoch Primary	94.48%	3.48%	2.03%	C	C
Cromarty Primary	94.42%	4.53%	1.04%	0	0
Culbokie Primary	94.90%	3.48%	1.62%	0	0
Munlochy Primary	94.45%	3.94%	1.62%	0	0
North Kessock Primary	92.90%	4.43%	C	C	C
Resolis Primary	95.54%	3.90%	0.57%	C	C
Tore Primary	86.42%	10.97%	2.61%	0	0

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
Fortrose Academy	88.00%	8.41%	3.51%	33	52.5

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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%
Avoch Primary	114	80-90%	70-80%	80-90%	70-80%
Cromarty Primary	19	c	c	c	c
Culbokie Primary	53	80-90%	80-90%	90+%	90+%
Munlochy Primary	29	70-80%	70-80%	90+%	80-90%
North Kessock Primary	55	90+%	80-90%	90+%	80-90%
Resolis Primary	24	70-80%	60-70%	90+%	70-80%
Tore Primary	7	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%
Avoch Primary	142	70-80%	70-80%	90+%	80-90%
Cromarty Primary	26	70-80%	70-80%	80-90%	70-80%
Culbokie Primary	36	80-90%	80-90%	90+%	80-90%
Munlochy Primary	23	90+%	80-90%	90+%	90+%
North Kessock Primary	64	80-90%	70-80%	90+%	70-80%
Resolis Primary	27	80-90%	80-90%	90+%	80-90%
Tore Primary	8	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%
Avoch Primary	105	80-90%	80-90%	90+%	80-90%
Cromarty Primary	18	90+%	90+%	90+%	90+%
Culbokie Primary	45	80-90%	80-90%	90+%	80-90%
Munlochy Primary	37	90+%	80-90%	90+%	90+%
North Kessock Primary	56	70-80%	70-80%	70-80%	60-70%
Resolis Primary	31	80-90%	70-80%	80-90%	80-90%
Tore Primary	9	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
Fortrose Academy	2023/24	94%	78%
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	96%	88%
Fortrose Academy	2022/23	95%	83%
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	96%	83%
Fortrose Academy	2021/23	c	93%
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	c	90%

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9.2.1 Secondary Attainment – Numeracy

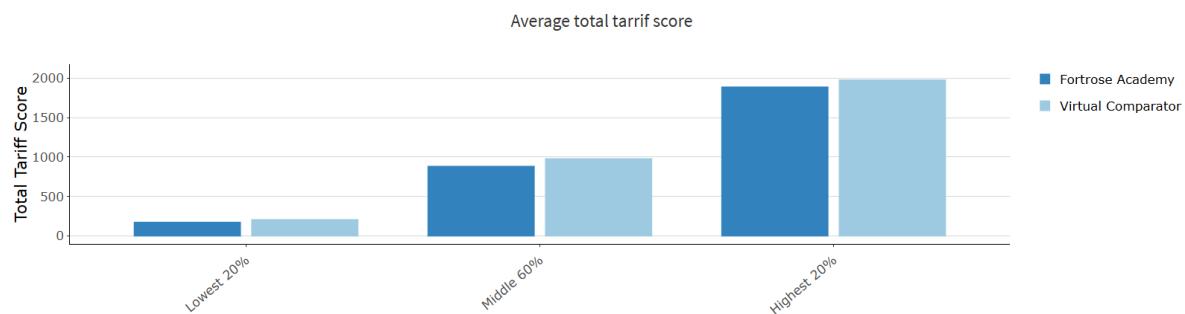
School Leavers Achieving Numeracy			
Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Numeracy	% Level 5 Numeracy
Fortrose Academy	2023/24	94%	84%
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	94%	78%
Fortrose Academy	2022/23	c	84%
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	c	78%
Fortrose Academy	2021/23	c	81%
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	c	80%

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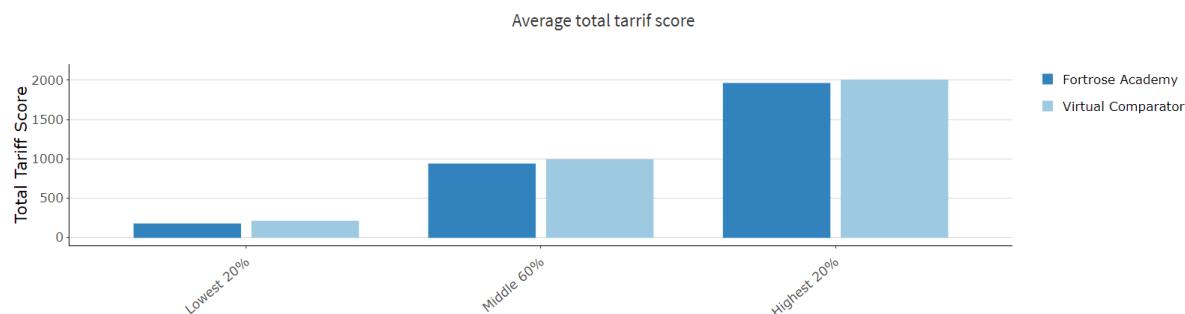
9.2.2 Senior Phase

Average Total Tariff for Leavers				
Establishment	Year	Lowest 20%	Middle 60%	Highest 20%
Fortrose Academy	2023/24	168	878	1885
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	202	975	1974
Fortrose Academy	2022/23	165	929	1956
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	200	983	2000
Fortrose Academy	2021/23	222	931	1908
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	276	1082	2031

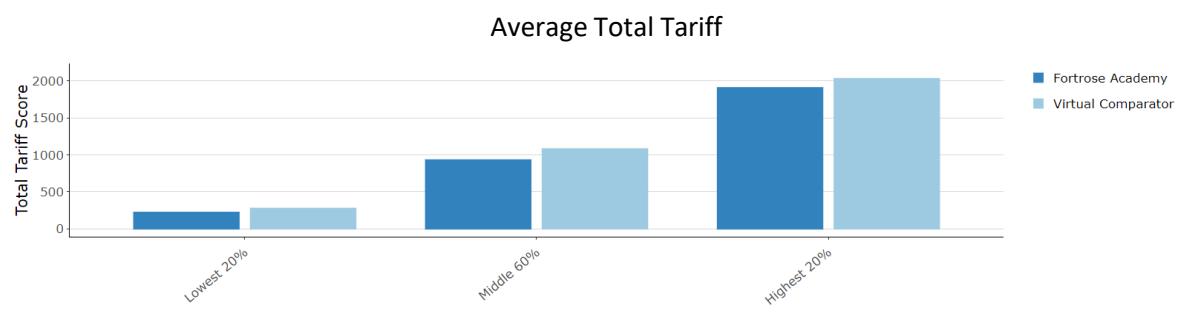
9.3 2023/24



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
Fortrose Academy	99.12	98.04	99.27
Highland	94.45	95.27	96.5
Scotland	95.74	95.87	95.71

9.6.1 Number of pupils leaving in school year:

	Fortrose Academy	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2021/22	113	2559	55211
2022/23	102	2474	54719
2023/24	137	2629	55961

9.6.2 Destination of pupils (%):

DESTINATION	Fortrose Academy			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	21/22	22/23	23/24	21/22	22/23	23/24	21/22	22/23	23/24
Higher Education	41.59	36.27	32.85	34.11	33.1	32.07	41.27	40.3	40.8
Further Education	15.92	20.59	16.79	19.54	20.53	20.39	25.45	26.62	26.43
Training	3.53	0.98	0.73	1.52	1.9	3.04	2.91	3.35	3.89
Employment	38.05	40.2	48.91	38.73	39.05	40.4	25.12	24.34	23.08
Voluntary	0	0	0	0.31	0.53	0.42	0.47	0.52	0.58
Activity Agreements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unemployed Seeking	0	1.96	0.73	2.89	2.95	2.05	2.32	2.24	2.16
Unemployed Not Seeking	0.88	0	0	1.76	1.62	1.45	1.55	1.57	1.86
Unknown	0	0	0	0.9	0.16	0	0.4	0.32	0.27

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