

Agenda Item	12iii
Report No	CIA/11/26

# The Highland Council

**Committee:** **City of Inverness Area Committee**

**Date:** **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**Report Title:** **Charleston 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 Charleston 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 857 pupils, ELC settings serve 214 children (188 in LA settings and 26 in Partner settings as at September Census), with the secondary school serving 707 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 Charleston Academy website](#)  
Primary – [Link to School information on Highland Council website](#)

School	Link to School Webpage
Beauly Primary	<a href="#">Beauly Primary website</a>
Dochgarroch Primary	<a href="#">Dochgarroch Primary Website</a>
Kinmylies Primary	<a href="#">Kinmylies Primary website</a>
Kirkhill Primary	<a href="#">Kirkhill Primary website</a>
Muirtown Primary	<a href="#">Muirtown Primary website</a>
Teanassie Primary	<a href="#">Teanassie Primary website</a>
Tomnacross Primary	<a href="#">Tomnacross Primary website</a>

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
Charleston Academy	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Weak
Beauly Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good
Dochgarroch Primary	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good
Kinmylies Primary	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Satisfactory
Kirkhill Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good
Muirtown Primary	Very Good	Good	Very Good	Very Good
Teanassie Primary	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Tomnacross Primary	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

ELC	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Beaulx PS ELC	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Dochgarroch PS ELC	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good
Kinmylies PS ELC	Good	Good	Good	Good
Kirkhill PS ELC	Good	Good	Good	Good
Muirtown PS ELC	Good	Good	Very Good	Good
Teanassie PS ELC	Good	Good	Good	Good
Tomnacross PS ELC	Good	Good	Good	Good

## 6. Education Scotland Inspection Reports

### 6.1

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Charleston Academy	01/07/2025	<a href="#">Link</a>
Beaulx Primary	*+ 5 Years	<a href="#">Link</a>
Dochgarroch Primary	*+ 5 Years	<a href="#">Link</a>
Kinmylies Primary	19/11/2024	<a href="#">Link</a>
Kirkhill Primary	01/04/2025	<a href="#">Link</a>
Muirtown Primary	*+ 5 Years	<a href="#">Link</a>
Teanassie Primary	01/10/2024	<a href="#">Link</a>
Tomnacross Primary	*+ 5 Years	<a href="#">Link</a>

\*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
Beaulx Primary	7	13	15	18	23	20	17	113
Dochgarroch Primary		3	2	2	2	1	1	11
Kinmylies Primary	24	37	37	45	39	48	59	289
Kirkhill Primary	20	12	15	30	13	14	25	129
Muirtown Primary	22	27	20	28	28	21	25	171
Teanassie Primary	3	5	4	6	6	2	10	36
Tomnacross Primary	11	13	15	14	18	14	23	108
Total	87	110	108	143	129	120	160	857

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TOTAL S1-S6
Charleston Academy	117	130	141	149	105	65	707

## 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](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
Beauly Primary	92.65%	6.09%	1.26%	-	-
Dochgarroch Primary	91.41%	4.49%	4.11%	-	-
Kinmylies Primary	90.98%	6.18%	2.84%	-	-
Kirkhill Primary	92.92%	5.29%	1.79%	-	-
Muirtown Primary	94.56%	4.19%	1.25%	-	-
Teanassie Primary	92.20%	5.01%	2.79%	-	-
Tomnacross Primary	92.77%	5.48%	1.75%	-	-

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
Charleston Academy	86.50%	8.23%	5.25%	8	10.8

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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
<b>National</b>		81%	77%	88%	80%
<b>Highland</b>		77%	72%	87%	75%
Beauly Primary	50	80-90%	70-80%	90+%	80-90%
Dochgarroch Primary	6	c	c	c	c
Kinmylies Primary	118	80-90%	80-90%	90+%	80-90%
Kirkhill Primary	51	70-80%	70-80%	80-90%	70-80%
Muirtown Primary	82	80-90%	80-90%	90+%	80-90%
Teanassie Primary	15	c	c	c	c
Tomnacross Primary	53	70-80%	60-70%	80-90%	60-70%

2023/24	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
<b>National</b>		81%	76%	87%	80%
<b>Highland</b>		76%	71%	87%	74%
Beauly Primary	57	80-90%	70-80%	90+%	90+%
Dochgarroch Primary	6	c	c	c	c
Kinmylies Primary	122	70-80%	60-70%	90+%	70-80%
Kirkhill Primary	53	80-90%	70-80%	90+%	80-90%
Muirtown Primary	74	70-80%	70-80%	90+%	70-80%
Teanassie Primary	13	c	c	c	c
Tomnacross Primary	37	70-80%	60-70%	70-80%	60-70%

2022/23	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
<b>National</b>		80%	75%	87%	80%
<b>Highland</b>		74%	68%	74%	72%
Beauly Primary	45	80-90%	70-80%	90+%	90+%
Dochgarroch Primary	5	c	c	c	c
Kinmylies Primary	145	70-80%	60-70%	90+%	70-80%
Kirkhill Primary	74	80-90%	70-80%	90+%	80-90%
Muirtown Primary	85	70-80%	70-80%	90+%	70-80%
Teanassie Primary	31	70-80%	50-60%	80-90%	50-60%
Tomnacross Primary	56	50-60%	40-50%	50-60%	50-60%

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## 9.2 Secondary Attainment – Literacy

<b>School Leavers Achieving Literacy</b>			
<b>Establishment</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>% Level 4 Literacy</b>	<b>% Level 5 Literacy</b>
Charleston Academy	2023/24	c	91%
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	c	83%
Charleston Academy	2022/23	c	79%
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	c	82%
Charleston Academy	2021/22	96%	89%
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	96%	81%

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### 9.2.1 Secondary Attainment – Numeracy

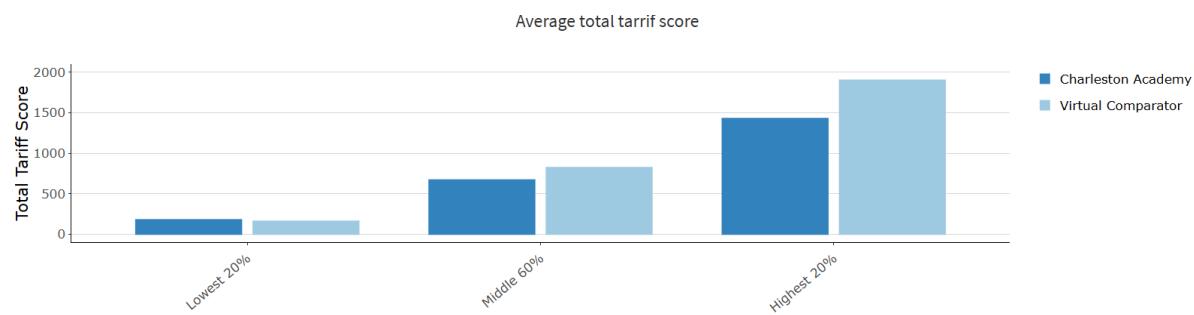
<b>School Leavers Achieving Numeracy</b>			
<b>Establishment</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>% Level 4 Numeracy</b>	<b>% Level 5 Numeracy</b>
Charleston Academy	2023/24	94%	64%
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	92%	73%
Charleston Academy	2022/23	89%	66%
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	91%	70%
Charleston Academy	2021/22	90%	72%
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	93%	68%

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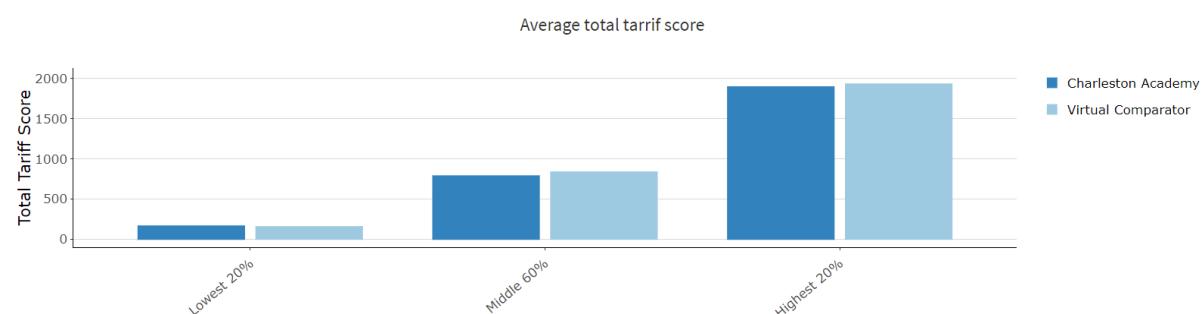
### 9.2.2 Senior Phase

<b>Average Total Tariff for Leavers</b>				
<b>Establishment</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Lowest 20%</b>	<b>Middle 60%</b>	<b>Highest 20%</b>
Charleston Academy	2023/24	177	669	1428
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	159	822	1901
Charleston Academy	2022/23	162	786	1896
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	153	835	1931
Charleston Academy	2021/22	176	760	1820
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	165	754	1841

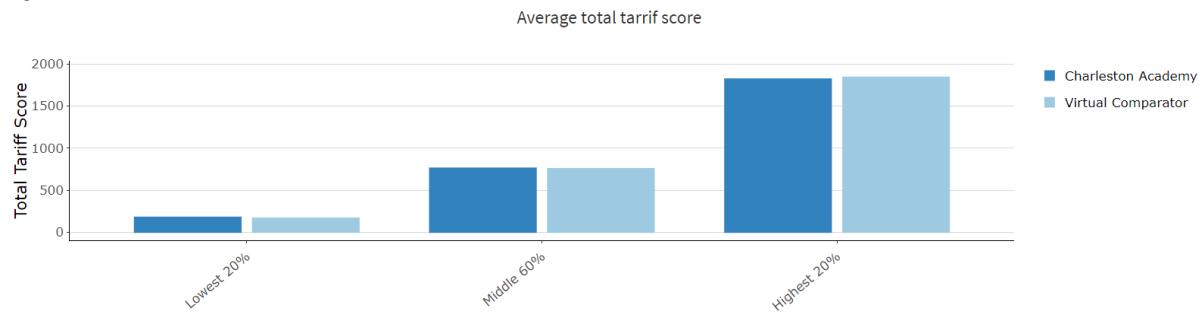
### 9.3 2023/24



### 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
Charleston Academy	95.59	93.5	92.19
Highland	94.45	95.27	96.5
Scotland	95.74	95.87	95.71

### 9.6.1 Number of pupils leaving in school year:

	Charleston Academy	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2021/22	136	2559	55211
2022/23	123	2474	54719
2023/24	128	2629	55961

### 9.6.2 Destination of pupils (%):

DESTINATION	Charleston Academy			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	21/22	22/23	23/24	21/22	22/23	23/24	21/22	22/23	23/24
Higher Education	33.08	30.89	25.78	34.11	33.1	32.07	41.27	40.3	40.8
Further Education	22.05	20.33	19.53	19.54	20.53	20.39	25.45	26.62	26.43
Training	1.47	0.81	0.78	1.52	1.9	3.04	2.91	3.35	3.89
Employment	38.97	39.84	46.09	38.73	39.05	40.4	25.12	24.34	23.08
Voluntary	0	1.63	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	2.94	4.07	4.69	2.89	2.95	2.05	2.32	2.24	2.16
Unemployed Not Seeking	1.47	2.44	3.13	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