
Report To:	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee	Date: 19 January 2010
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Subject:	Update on School Leaver Destination Results for 2008-09	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the school leavers destination results for the academic year 2008-09.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Skills Development Scotland (SDS) supplies information on the destinations of school leavers (SLDR), at an individual level, to the Scottish Government's Education Analytical Services Division. The return is based on a follow up of young people who left school between the 1st of August 2008 and the 31st of July 2009.
- 2.2 The exercise was carried out during the month of September 2009 and produces a snapshot of destinations as at the 2nd October 2009. Therefore, on leaving school an individual could have taken up employment but by the 2nd October had become unemployed seeking. In the SLDR this individual would be recorded as being unemployed seeking. In addition a young person marked as unemployed may well have moved on to a positive destination since the end of the survey. There is a follow up exercise carried out in March 2010 to check sustainability of these individuals.
- 2.3 The positive destinations for Inverclyde Secondary schools in 2008-09 are 89.9% compared to 91.3% for 2007-08. Skills Development has also supplied the individual pupil destination for each leaver from the former Secondary school.
- 2.4 Inverclyde is ranked 6th out of 32 Local Authorities in 2008-09 compared to 6th in 2007-08. Inverclyde has overtaken Western Isles in terms of a positive school leaver percentage but Aberdeenshire has taken that place, leaving Inverclyde's position unaffected at 6th.
- 2.5 A comparison of the main points from the statistics between 2008-09 and 2007-08 is in the background section of this report.
- 2.6 A breakdown of destinations for each Inverclyde School is attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that members note the positive information contained in this report.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The key comparisons for 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as follows: -

Destination	2007-08	2008-09
Total number of leavers	988	861
Higher Education	334	321
Further Education	292	287
Training	74	67
Employment	198	97
Voluntary Work	4	2
Unemployed Seeking	59	80
Unemployed Not Seeking	18	6
Not Known	9	1

5.0 PROPOSALS

5.1 It is proposed that the Committee notes the initiatives underway and progress made.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance

There are no financial issues.

6.2 Legal

There are no legal implications.

6.3 Human Resources

There are no personnel issues.

6.4 Equalities

There are no equality issues.

7.0 CONCLUSION

7.1 The schools, Skills Development Scotland, Social Work and all partners have worked effectively to ensure that the leaver destinations are very positive in the current recession.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Skills Development Scotland School Leaver Destination Results 2008-09 by Local Authority and also by Secondary schools.



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Inverclyde Council SLDR 2008 - 2009													
	Higher Education	Further Education	Training	Employment	Voluntary Work	Unemployed Seeking	Unemployed Not Seeking	Not Known	Total Leavers	Total +	Total -	% +	% -
Gourock High School	66	21	2	7	0	7	0	0	103	96	7	93.2%	6.8%
Greenock Academy	64	33	3	26	1	10	1	0	138	127	11	92.0%	8.0%
Inverclyde Academy	40	62	16	17	0	17	1	0	153	135	18	88.2%	11.8%
Notre Dame High School	74	45	15	15	0	8	0	0	157	149	8	94.9%	5.1%
Port Glasgow High School	20	40	10	5	0	9	2	0	86	75	11	87.2%	12.8%
St Columba's High School	31	46	8	16	0	13	1	1	116	101	15	87.1%	12.9%
St Stephen's High School	26	40	13	11	1	16	1	0	108	91	17	84.3%	15.7%
Inverclyde Council	321	287	67	97	2	80	6	1	861	774	87	89.9%	10.1%

Inverclyde Council SLDR 2008 - 2009									
	Higher Education	Further Education	Training	Employment	Voluntary Work	Unemployed Seeking	Unemployed Not Seeking	Not Known	Total Leavers
Gourock High School	64.1%	20.4%	1.9%	6.8%	0.0%	6.8%	0.0%	0.0%	103
Greenock Academy	46.4%	23.9%	2.2%	18.8%	0.7%	7.2%	0.7%	0.0%	138
Inverclyde Academy	26.1%	40.5%	10.5%	11.1%	0.0%	11.1%	0.7%	0.0%	153
Notre Dame High School	47.1%	28.7%	9.6%	9.6%	0.0%	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%	157
Port Glasgow High School	23.3%	46.5%	11.6%	5.8%	0.0%	10.5%	2.3%	0.0%	86
St Columba's High School	26.7%	39.7%	6.9%	13.8%	0.0%	11.2%	0.9%	0.9%	116
St Stephen's High School	24.1%	37.0%	12.0%	10.2%	0.9%	14.8%	0.9%	0.0%	108
Inverclyde Council	37.3%	33.3%	7.8%	11.3%	0.2%	9.3%	0.7%	0.1%	861

Inverclyde Council SLDR 2008-09

