

School Profile

<u>School Name</u>	Islay High School
<u>School Address</u>	Bowmore, Isle of Islay, Argyll, PA43 7LS
<u>Head Teacher</u>	Stephen Harrison

CONTEXT OF THE SCHOOL

Islay High School is a non-denominational fully comprehensive secondary school with a roll of 212 and part of a cluster that includes five primary schools; four on Islay (Bowmore, Port Ellen, Port Charlotte and Keills) and one on Jura (Small Isles). The catchment area covers both islands of Islay (population about 3,000) and Jura (population about 200) and is rural, remote and isolated. The students from Jura commute to the school on a daily basis. Agriculture, distilleries and tourism are the main industries on the islands.

Senior Phase, where pupils select 5 courses per year every year from the same option choice menu. This allows for much greater efficiency of staffing giving pupils much great personalisation and choice.

Due to the remoteness of the islands, the school is completely inclusive and by necessity caters for all students however complex and severe their needs are.

There is no Gaelic Unit in the school but Gaelic / Gaidhlig is taught for learner and native speakers to Higher level and even Advanced Higher if requested.

SIMD data shows that the catchment population fits into bands 4-7 but due to the small numbers concerned this does not accurately reflect a much wider range in poverty and affluence.

The school was awarded £6,200 in Pupil Equity Funding in session 2019/20. This money was used to employ a teacher for 0.2 FTE to work with vulnerable children to help them

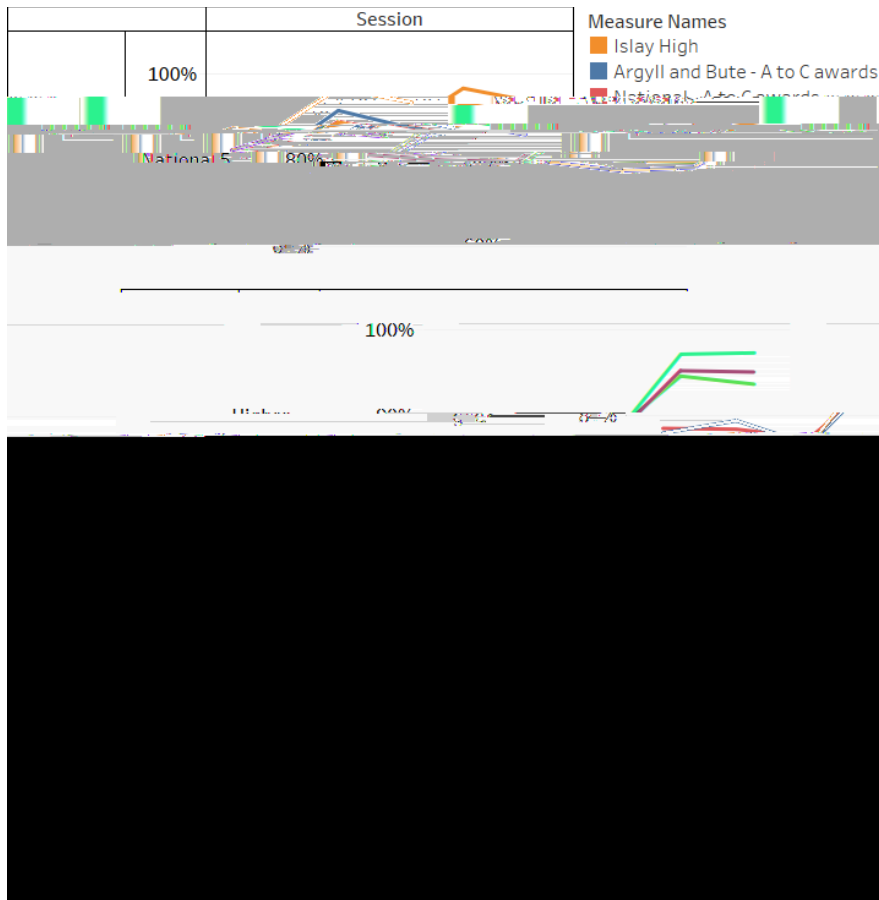
Recognising Wider Achievement

Description of course	Level	Results
Computer Game Development	Level 6	1 Pass, 1 DNF
NPA Beauty	Level 4	4 Passes
Hairdressing SFW	Level 4	2 Passes, 1DNF
NPA Business	Level 5	
NPA Business	Level 6	

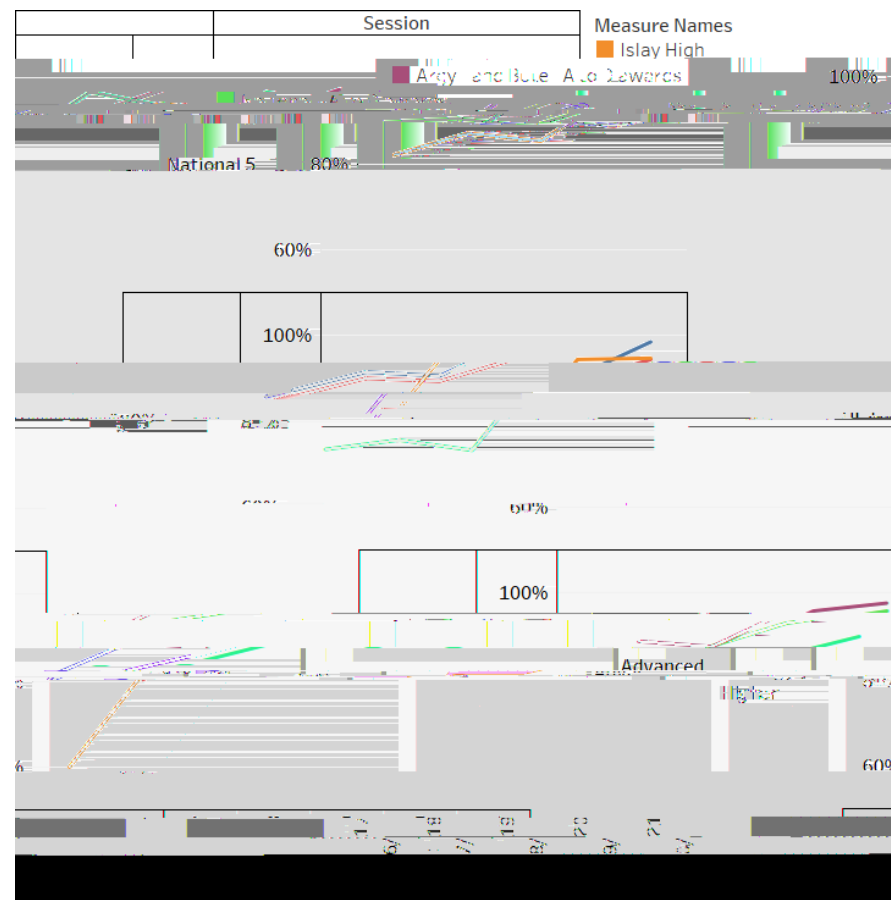
Disappointingly, we had pupils timetabled to also do Construction and Hospitality but Argyll College were not able run these courses due to a lack of tutors.

SQA Results

Levels A to C



Levels A to D



As you can the percentage pass rates for Higher and National 5 are very good and significantly surpass the Argyll and Bute as well as the National averages. However, this is not a particularly valuable measure of attainment. The Advanced Higher results are not statistically significant due to the low numbers taking these courses.

Attendance, Absence and Exclusions⁸

Measure	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	Range of Attendance (%) over 5 years ⁸
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Attendance:

Footnotes

¹ Please note the % change in Roll over 5 years shows the percentage change in roll figures from 2016/17 to 2020/21 and is not an average.

² averages based on Secondary only

³ FSMCG % based on whole school figures for session

⁴ National average for FSM taken from School Healthy Living Survey Statistics 2020

⁵ Attendance, Absence and Exclusion information is now collected on a biennial basis by Scottish Government.

⁶ Exclusion data taken from Business Intelligence Session 2020 EXC 6 Individual School Cumulative Report

⁷ attendance change figure shows percentage of change and is not an average

⁸ Authorised absence includes bereavement, short term exceptional domestic situations, religious observance, weddings of immediate family. Unauthorised absence includes truancy, unexplained absence and most family holidays during term time. Attendance and absence is outlined in Management Circular 3.03.

⁹ National attendance statistics taken from Scottish Government Summary statistics for schools in Scotland.