

CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

Report to People Committee

Date of Meeting: 25 March 2021

Subject: Education Performance – Positive Destinations

Report by: Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People)

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress in relation Positive Destinations across Clackmannanshire Council for 2020.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the People Committee:
- 2.2. Notes this report and the progress that has been made over the past four years.
- 2.3. Provides comment and challenge as appropriate.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. The report provides a summary of Annual Statistical Data published on 23rd February by the Scottish Government on Initial Leaver Destinations for 2019/2020 school leavers.
- 3.2. The publication confirms a four year improving trend for Clackmannanshire, with the authority sitting now at the third highest in the country and notably Alloa Academy one of the highest performing in Scotland. 100% of our Looked After Children entered a positive destination.
- 3.3. The performance and achievement of the young people has been a result of their hard work and perseverance, particularly through and during a pandemic, and has been supported by a team approach across schools, services within Clackmannanshire Council, partners in the third sector and national agencies.
- 3.4. The evidence contained in this report contributes both to the National Improvement Framework and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

3.5. **Appendix 1** provides a detailed report at Clackmannanshire and school level.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

4.1 This paper has no sustainability implications

No

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1 This paper has no resource implications.

6.4 Exempt Reports

Is this report exempt?

No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all	✓
Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life	✓
Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential	✓
Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish	✓

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

Not Applicable

8.0 Equalities Impact

Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

N/A

8.0 Legality

8.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

9.0 Appendices

10.0 Background Papers

Scottish Government: Summary Statistics for Initial Leaver Destinations, No. 3: 2021 Edition, 23 February 2021


11.0 Have you used other documents to compile your report?

No

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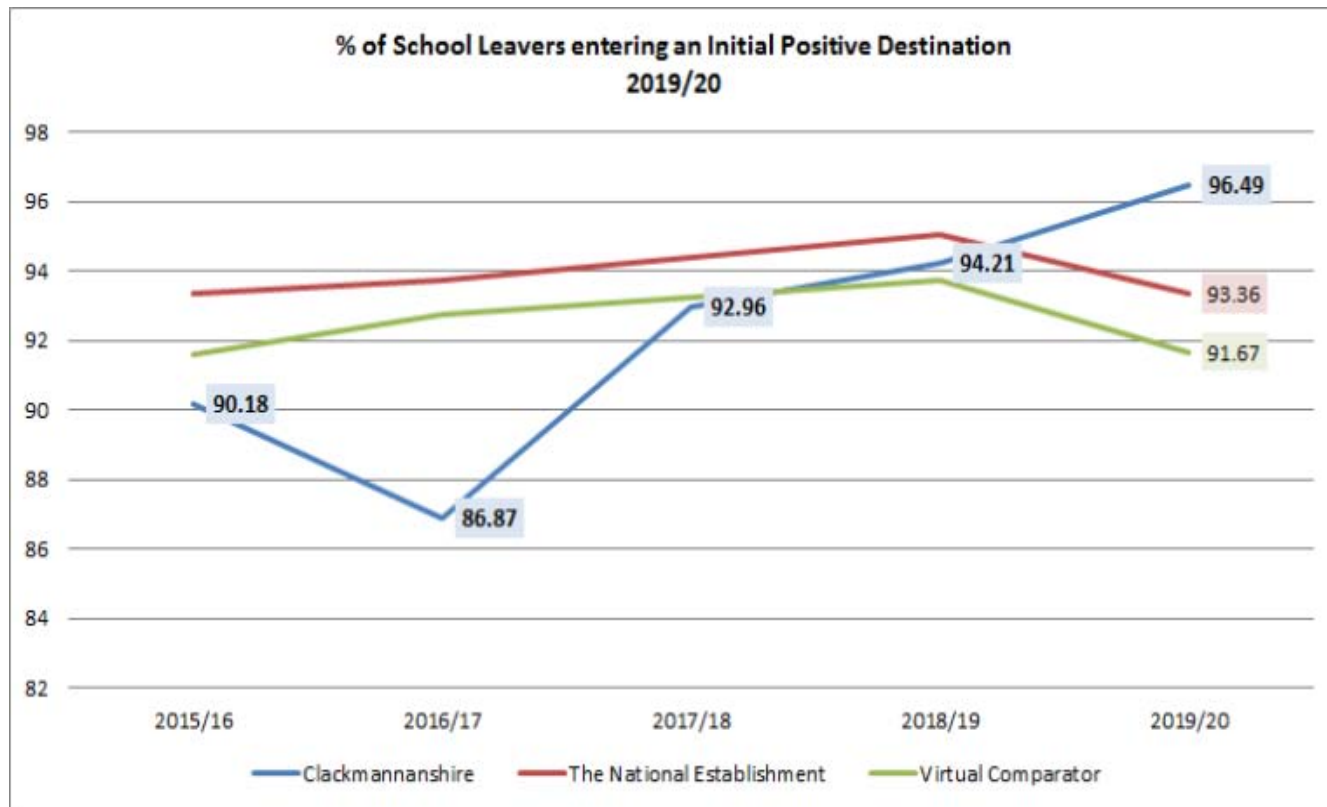
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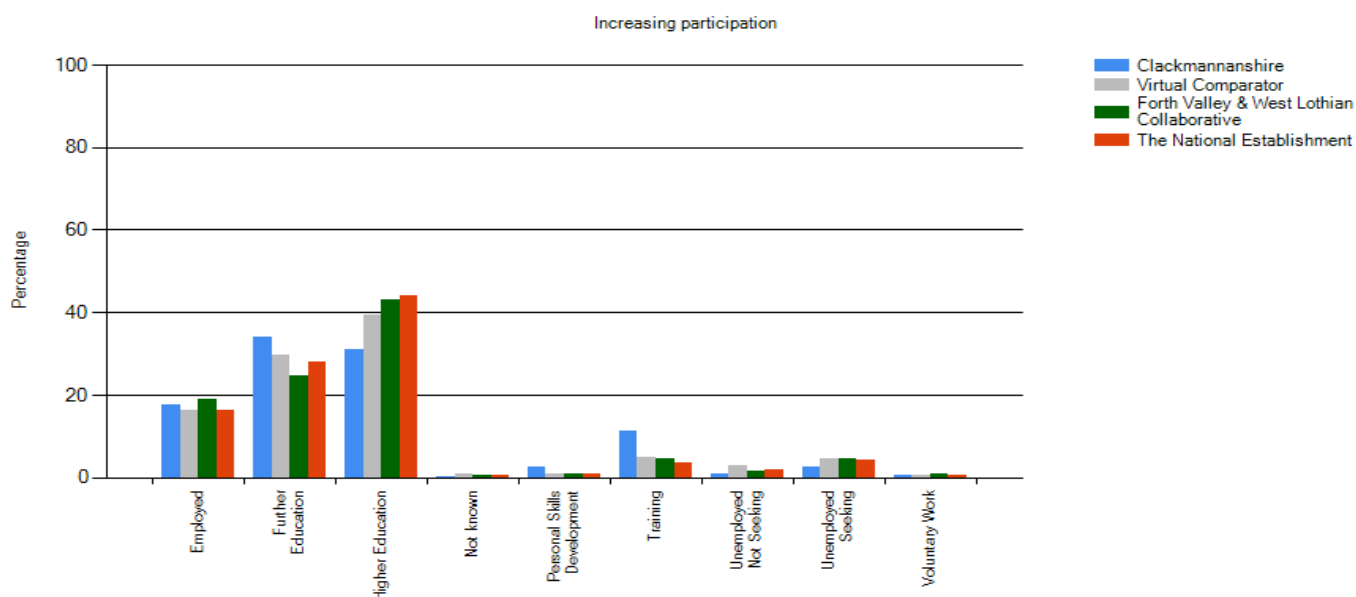
Percentage of school leavers entering an Initial Leavers Destination (ILD), S4, S5, & S6

The percentage of school leavers who entered an initial positive destination continued to improve in 2019/20 with a high of **96.5%**, higher than the Virtual Comparator (VC) and, for the first time, higher than the National average.



This is a significant achievement given the COVID Pandemic and the restrictions for young people as a result.

2019/20 leavers' destinations :(illustrated in the chart below)



17.5% entered employment (falling trend)

11.2% entered training (almost double than the previous year)

34% entered further education – **4 year improving trend**

30.9% entered higher education – higher than previous year

96.5% of young people in Clackmannanshire moved on to positive destinations, including work, training, further and higher education, which is higher than ever before and higher than the national figure (93.3%), the Virtual Comparator (91.6%) and Forth Valley & West Lothian Collaborative (93.1%). This reflects the on-going partnership work schools undertake with the Positive Destinations Task Group, resulting in an improving trend over the past three years. Out of 32 Local Authorities in Scotland, Clackmannanshire was third.

34% of young people in Clackmannanshire moved on to further education (college). This is higher than the Virtual Comparator (29.7%), Forth Valley & West Lothian Collaborative (24.7%) and national measures (28%) and reflects an increase from 2018/2019 (28.7%) and 2017/2018 (28.1%).

30.9% of young people moved on to higher education (university). This is lower than the Virtual Comparator (39.2%), Forth Valley & West Lothian Collaborative (42.9%) and national measures (44.2%) and is lower than 2018/2019 (32.4%) and broadly in line with 2017/2018 (29.6%).

There was also a 5% increase in pupils moving on to training, with a total of 11.2 % following this pathway.

17.5% of young people entered employment, which is a reduction from 2018/2019 (24.4%) and 2017/2018 (27.9%). The percentage of pupils who were unemployed and seeking employment was 2.4%, which was a decrease from 3.9% in 2018/2019 and 4.6% in 2017/2018.

100% of all Looked After (LAC) young people entered a positive destination. 53.3% entered FE (college), 6.6% entered HE (university), 33.3% entered training and 6.6% Personal Skills Development.

There was an increase in the percentage of school leavers who entered a positive destination across all three secondary schools:

Alloa Academy

98.5% of leavers entered a positive destination, which is above all measures, including National (93.3%), Virtual Comparator (90.1%) Forth Valley & West Lothian Collaborative (93.1%) and Clackmannanshire (96.5%)

Alva Academy

94.6% of leavers entered a positive destination, which is above National (93.3%), Virtual Comparator (93.6%) and Forth Valley & West Lothian Collaborative (93.1%) but below Clackmannanshire (96.5%)

Lornshill Academy

96.39% of leavers entered a positive destination, which is above national (93.3%), Virtual Comparator (91.1%) and Forth Valley & West Lothian Collaborative (93.1%) but below Clackmannanshire (96.5%)