

# Calderhead HS Parent Council

Minutes

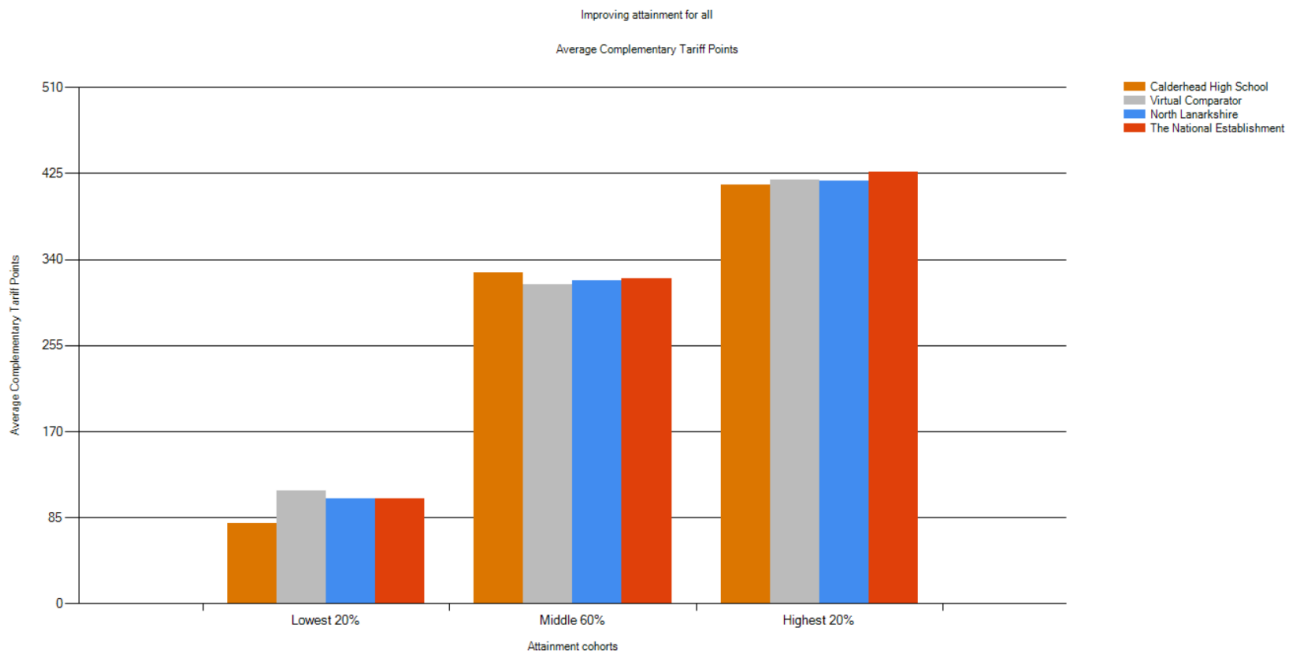
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023



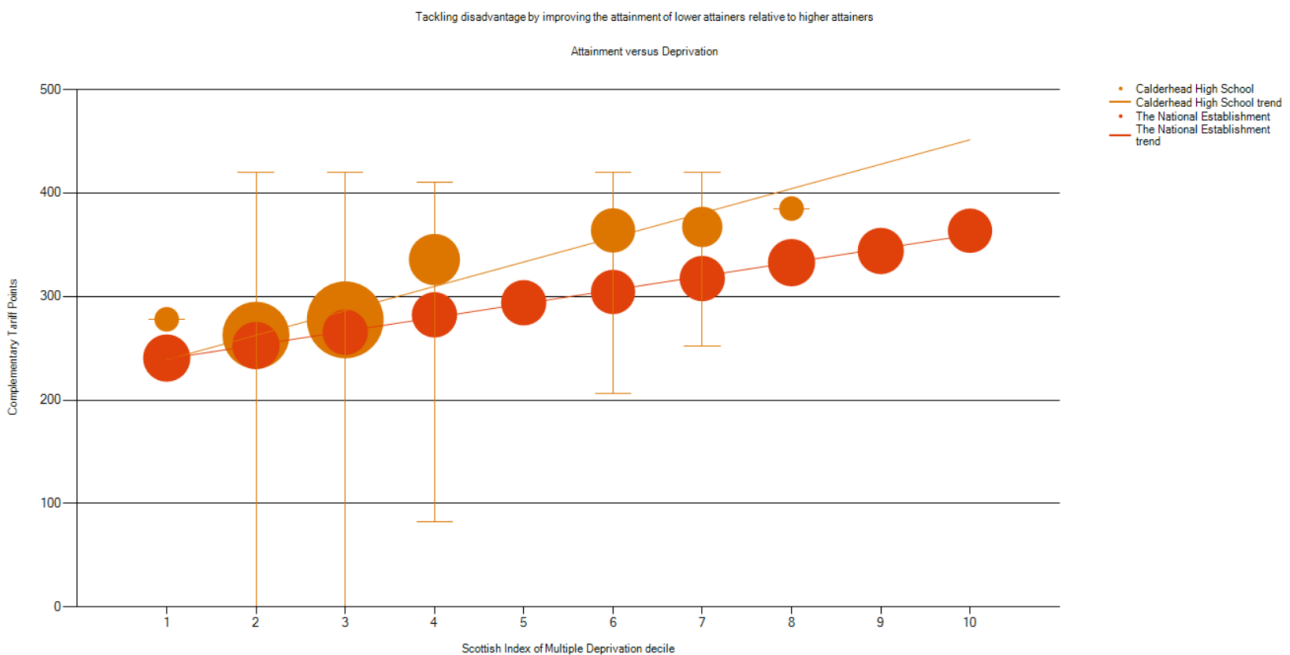
	To be Actioned By:
<p><b>Present</b> Audra MacPhee, Lorraine Ivory, Gordon Muir, John Robertson, Cllr Hughes, Lynn Prentice, Corrina Campbell, Maxine Paterson, Jennifer Telfer and Colin Shearer.</p>	
<p><b>Apologies</b> Apologies received from Lisa McAllister, Kyrstie Cowell, Amanda Barr, Kirsteen Boyd and Cllr McCulloch.</p>	
<p><b>Welcome</b> Audra welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made for the benefit of new parents. Minutes from last meeting, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, were approved (AM) and seconded (GM).</p>	
<p><b>Maths Journey at Calderhead</b> Maxine Paterson (PT Maths) presented the journey of maths at Calderhead - from S1 (BGE) maths right up to senior school. We heard about the decisions that are made in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year relating to what level of course a pupil will attempt and the decisions that are made in respect of which course - Maths and / or Application of Maths. Maxine is attending further study at Strathclyde University to allow her to teach Higher Application of Maths. Maxine made the group aware that the Maths department have an open-door policy for pupils and outlined additional support in the form of after school classes, easter school and masterclasses.</p> <p>John Robertson reminded the group of the ACHIEVE offering where pupils can access on-line support – explanation of each topic / concept, links to further learning, questions and activities and past papers and solutions - <a href="https://www.achievelearning.co.uk">Achieve (hashtag-learning.co.uk)</a></p> <p>Link to ACHIEVE to be posted on Calderhead Parents FB page.</p>	AM
<p><b>Headteacher Report October 2023 (Copied HT Report)</b></p> <p><b>Staffing</b> Evelyn Abernethy, Art and Design has been absent since March. Originally, we were able to use a retired Art teacher. Since August Miss Townsley has been covering. We are continuing to follow the NLC Managing Attendance Policy to support Ms Abernethy back to work. We have an ASNA vacancy, disappointingly I have not been given a timescale for an appointment process.</p> <p><b>Validated Self Evaluation</b> This took place 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September. The core team included Jacqueline Burton, Education and Families Manager, Christine Creaney, Headteacher Coatbridge High School, our Digital Lead and our CILL. Staff appreciated Jacqueline speaking to them in advance. I also reminded staff of a list of positive attributes of Calderhead High School. Staff were observed at least twice, apart from two members of staff who were not observed at all. The VSE Lead provided me with very positive oral feedback. The focus groups, lesson observations and our Scoping Paper had all been positive. They team were very impressed with the calm atmosphere in the school and the behaviour of the pupils. The way the pupils conducted themselves in corridors and around the building made a big impression.</p>	

# INSIGHT Data

The selected year is 2023



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## Attendance

Pupil absence continues to be a concern. This is a concern across the UK and beyond. The current mean absence per day at Calderhead is:

S1 (113)	S2 (92)	S3 (113)	S4 (111)
9.51%	18.16%	20.30%	23.24%

We hope to employ someone to make follow up phone calls in the near future.

## Opportunities for Personal Development

Table Tennis, Basketball, Fitness suite x 4 sessions, Trampoline, Gymnastics, Netball x 3 sessions, Football x2 sessions, Volleyball, Good Grub Club plus Future Fridays. Supported Study has also started in some subjects. All of these are provided by staff on a voluntary basis.

## 6K Schools Hospice Fun Run

1<sup>st</sup> Myren MacPhee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elyn MacPhee, 6<sup>th</sup> Rachel Mitchell  
Mr Kennedy 4<sup>th</sup> Staff

<p><b>Parent Council Update</b></p> <p><b>VSE</b> Audra thanked PC members who attended the VSE parent focus group. The group gave very positive feedback on all aspects associated with Calderhead. We hope Jacqueline Burton got a flavour of what parents think of CHS from the feedback.</p> <p><b>Secretary Position</b> Our secretary position is vacant. If anyone can help with this role, please get in touch. We hope to fill this position at our AGM in December - Audra has agreed to cover both roles meantime.</p> <p><b>S1 Parents Evening</b> We attended the recent S1 parents evening to meet new parents / carers and advertise PC and the various forms of communication open to the parent forum.</p>	
<p><b>Fundraising</b> The recent meeting arranged for parents with an interest in fundraising was discussed. Due to various factors, we have agreed that fundraising is not something we can accommodate right now - the main reason being low number of parents coming forward to help. We will revisit this next year. Thanks to those parents / carers who offered help with this.</p> <p>The group discussed PC meetings historically being held on Thursday evening and whether changing the day or rotating days might increase accessibility for parents - FB poll to assess.</p>	AM
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Shoebox Appeal</b> Calderhead HS Senior Pupils are supporting the Shoebox Appeal this year. This is an appeal to provide a gift to an adult or child, this Christmas who would otherwise have nothing. They aim to fill shoeboxes with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing - the individually wrapped boxes will be distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low-income communities, both home and abroad. Senior pupils are looking for donations of empty shoeboxes, Christmas wrapping paper and items to fill the shoeboxes. If you can help in any way at all, please send donations in as soon as possible as they are hoping to start the process of wrapping and filling boxes in the next few weeks. Details on appeal and checklist for ideas regarding donations has been emailed to parents and posted on social media.</p>	All
<p><b>Next Meeting</b> Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 18:30 Calderhead HS.</p>	