

## Raising Attainment Update May 2014

**School:**  
**Vale of Leven Academy**

### **Actions to date:**

1. 4 applications submitted for Nuffield Research Placements.
2. WDC Masterclasses promoted around school.
3. WDC Masterclasses attended by VOLA pupils.
4. S3 Group for new cohort for REACH and Focus West identified.
5. Progression routes for senior phase across curricular areas collated.
6. Options process underway for session 2014/15.
7. In house Easter Revision programme delivered.
8. Library open over Easter holidays for private study/internet access.
9. Saturday morning supported study offered throughout March & April.
10. RA Team/PC Team/Depts engaging with school refusers to ensure positive awards with main focus on Maths and English qualifications.
11. Pupils not achieving 5+ Level 3 awards identified and targeted with staff informed.
12. New qualification structure being monitored and evaluated.
13. SQA Estimate data collated for S4 – 6.
14. Mentoring programme continued through to exams.
15. CL&D workshops with senior pupils continued until exams.
16. SPBT Tariff Pilot project information received.
17. SQA 'Further Engagement' events attended.
18. Day Before Revision Timetable created and underway.
19. WDC Led SLWG on Gender attended by RA Team and CL English.
20. VSE Joint Working Partnership group: ongoing planning for session 2014/15.
21. Champions in Schools Programme continues with S1 boys.
22. S3 Health Day April 2014.
23. Created database of school leavers to ensure sustainability of former pupil event.
24. GL Assessments completed with S2.
25. GL Assessment Cluster data from recent years received from WDC.
26. Evaluation Day with CLs.

**Impact:**

1. 1 placement confirmed to date, other placement decisions pending.
2. All senior pupils aware of opportunities for further support.
3. Pupils more confident about forthcoming exams.
4. Pupils to receive targeted support in preparing for university through REACH/Focus West programmes in S4.
5. Departmental input into option process to support PC Team in accurate advice to parents and pupils.
6. Pupils and parents advised on appropriate pathways to ensure best progression routes.
7. Extensive programme available for all levels (National 5 – Advanced Higher) covering all days of Easter Holidays. Over 250 hours of support offered in addition to WDC Masterclasses.
8. Pupils had access to a quiet place to study and to ICT Equipment.
9. Additional support available in 2 hour blocks, increasing opportunities for all pupils, including those who cannot attend after school sessions.
10. Targeted support put in place to maximise the number of pupils achieving the minimum award.
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12. Lessons learned in this session will inform changes in practice for next academic year.
13. Awareness of departmental expectations for candidates. Ongoing SEEMIS issues with recognition of new qualifications – particular difficulties with S4 cohort.
14. Pupils supported in preparations for SQA Examinations.
15. Partnership work continues, pupils feel supported by staff.
16. Comparison of new tariff and old tariff completed to identify best progression routes for pupils.
17. Additional support received from SQA to enable successful delivery of new qualifications.
18. As in previous years, pupils have access to support immediately prior to each exam.
19. Authority working party exploring strategies to reduce the gender attainment gap.
20. Support from CL&D to hopefully continue in Vale of Leven Academy for next session.
21. Workshops support whole school focus on developing a Growth Mindset with particular reference to boys.
22. S3 pupils encouraged to develop a “Healthy Body, Healthy Mind” attitude.
23. Annual former pupil event can continue with fresh input from new cohort of school leavers.
24. Further data soon to be available on progress and attainment.
25. Benchmarking/Value Added Comparisons of cohorts now available to be completed.
26. Analysis of new examinations and assessments. Forward planning for session 2014-15.

**Next Steps:**

- Live N Learn events for S3 in June and Senior Pupils in August.
- Identify mentees for S3 into S4 2014/15.
- Identify mentees for S4 into S5 2014/15.
- PT RA, DHT and HT attending SPBT Training event to prepare for exam analysis of new qualifications in August.
- Complete internal analysis of GL Assessment Data.
- Discuss continuation of CAT/Midyes Testing.
- Discuss May timetable change for session 2014/15.