

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee: 13 June 2012

Subject: Scottish Education Awards 2012 and Times Education Supplement Awards 2012

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the schools and individuals from West Dunbartonshire which have been short listed for the 2012 Scottish Education Awards and the 2012 Times Educational Supplement Awards.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Scottish Education Awards, sponsored by the Daily Record and the Times Education Supplement Scotland, are the major awards in the field of Education in Scotland. For the 2012 awards, there were over 600 nominations from all over Scotland. The awards ceremony will be held in the Glasgow Hilton Hotel on 12 June.
- 2.2** The Times Educational Supplement Awards (TESAs) are the major UK awards for Education. These awards tend to be dominated by English schools. The 2012 awards ceremony will be held on 6 July in the Park Lane Hilton in London.

3. Main Issues

Scottish Education Awards 2012

- 3.1** 21 establishments or individuals from West Dunbartonshire Council were nominated for the 2012 Scottish Education Awards. Of these, the following 8 progressed to the second stage and were short listed:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Category</u>
St Peter the Apostle HS	Aiming High Award (for an alternative curriculum for young people on the autistic spectrum)
St Joseph's PS	Aiming High Award (for their Families and Schools Together (FAST) Programme)
Sharon Lockhart (Catering Manager, Bonhill PS)	Educational Supporter of the Year (for her work Experience Programme in the school kitchen for P7 children)

St Peter the Apostle HS	Enterprise & Employability Across Learning Award - Secondary (for work led by the school's Enterprise Group which embeds Enterprise Education across the curriculum)
Our Lady and St Patrick's HS	Global Citizenship Award (for the school's work generally on Global Citizenship, with specific links to a partner school in Kenya)
Charles Rooney (HT, Our Lady & St Patrick's HS)	Headteacher of the Year
Hugh Scullion (DHT, Our Lady & St Patrick's HS)	Lifetime Achievement Award
Iain Ellis	Parents as Partners in Learning Award (for his work in Knoxland PS and Dumbarton Academy Parent Councils, his work as Chair of the WDC Parental Involvement Strategy Group and his work as Chair of the National Parent Forum)

- 3.2** Of the 8 short listed nominees, the following 3 were successful in reaching the final (there are 3 finalists in each category).

St Joseph's PS	Aiming High Award
St Peter the Apostle HS	Enterprise & Employability Across Learning Award – Secondary
Iain Ellis	Parents as Partners in Learning Award

This is the first time that West Dunbartonshire has had 3 finalists in the Scottish Education Awards

- 3.3** As part of the assessment process, each of the finalists received a visit from the judges. All finalists attend the awards ceremony on 12 June.

Times Educational Supplement Awards 2012

- 3.4** Our Lady and St Patrick's High School has reached the final of these awards in 2 categories: Secondary School of the Year and Headteacher of the Year (Charlie Rooney). This follows the publication earlier this year of an outstanding HMIE report on the school, in which the school received 3 evaluations of Excellent and 2 of Very Good, making it one of the best inspection reports of any secondary school in Scotland.
- 3.5** 6 representatives of the school will travel to London for the awards ceremony on 4 July.
- 3.6** For a Scottish school to reach the final of this UK competition in two categories in the same year is a remarkable achievement.

4. People Implications

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 Educational Services will cover the cost of transport for the 6 representatives of Our Lady and St Patrick's High School to attend the TESA ceremony in London. The total cost is approximately £700.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1 There are no risks arising from this report. A strong showing for West Dunbartonshire in these awards enhances the Council's reputation.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 7.1 There is no impact on equalities.

8 Strategic Assessment

- 8.1 Recognition of the work of Educational Services through such awards schemes is a further indication that we are delivering fit for purpose services.

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 8.1 Committee is asked :
- to note the success of West Dunbartonshire Council in the 2012 Scottish Education Awards and TESAs;
 - to congratulate the schools and individuals concerned; and
 - to note that an oral update will be provided to Committee on the performance of the West Dunbartonshire finalists at the Scottish Education Awards on 12 June.

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Appendix: None

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All