

Beath High School Improvement Plan 2024/25

Summary of Priorities

Overarching Focus for session 2024/25: Embedding our Vision

National Improvement Framework Priority 1

Priority 1a: Continue to improve pupil voice and empowerment

National Improvement Framework Priority 2

Priority 2a: Improve attendance

Priority 2b: Improve staff and pupil wellbeing

Priority 2c: Celebrating success

National Improvement Framework Priority 3

Priority 3a: Continue to improve parental engagement

Priority 3b: Develop curriculum for asymmetric and 27.5-hour week

National Improvement Framework Priority 4

Priority 4a: Continue to improve positive destinations

National Improvement Framework Priority 5

Priority 5a: Raise attainment: level 6 in S5 and 5@6 by end of S6

Priority 5b: Improving pedagogy

Education Directorate Improvement Plan: Equality & Equity/Health & Wellbeing/Attendance & Engagement

Focused Priority 1a: Continue to improve pupil voice and empowerment

Learners are actively engaged and involved in decision-making processes, ensuring learners needs are met in ways appropriate to the school's context.

- 1.3 Leadership of change
- **2.7** Partnerships
- 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion
- **3.2** Raising attainment and achievement

Expected Impact	Strategic Actions Planned	Responsibilities	Measure of Success (Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)	Timescales
		L Fowley		Pupil Empowerment Group
,	Recruitment of 20 Student Voice			established with members of
and their views valued as part of	_	Pupil Empowerment	share their views and opinions	
the Beath High School community.	groups.	Group	of the Beath High School Community.	community – by August 2024
	Appointment of Student Voice	Student Voice		
Learners take responsibility for	Captains.	Ambassadors & S6	Learners feel their opinions	Student Voice Ambassadors
their own learning.		Student Voice Captains	are valued.	across all year groups
	Pupil Empowerment Group			recruited by September 2024
	established to oversee, lead and		'Feedback Loop' is always	
	co-ordinate work. Pupils will be		, 5 1	Student Voice Ambassadors
	part of this group, alongside staff		shared by learners are	trained and actively
and their peers, fostering a more		Teachers to engage		contributing by end October
positive and collaborative school	community.	regularly with relevant	individually or as a collective.	2024.
environment.		Year/House student voice		DOE land starting by
		ambassadors.		PSE Input starting by
	Opportunities via PSE for all			November 2024, occurring
	classes to have their views heard			regularly by April 2025.

on different aspects of Beath High	
School.	Year Head & House Head
	engagement with respective
	Triangulation: student voice ambassadors
Continue raising the profile of	starting by December 2024,
UNCRC and its incorporation into	Quantitative Data – Learners occurring regularly by March
Scots Law, strengthening our	engaged in feedback 2025.
position to apply for rights	methods, frequent dialogue
respecting school status in future	and a clear confidence
academic years.	displayed in responses to
	challenge questions.
	Peoples Views – Learners &
	Staff will share their views on
	the strength of work delivered
	equating to learners being
	empowered within the school.
	Delivered via surveys,
	discussions & challenge
	questions.
	Direct Observation –
	Learners, staff and community
	partners will recognise a
	confidence amongst learners
	in sharing their own opinions
	of the school.

Education Directorate Improvement Plan: Attendance & Engagement

Focused Priority 2a: Improve attendance

HGIOS4 Quality Indicators: 1.3, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3.

- 1.3 Leadership of Change
- 2.1 Arrangements to ensure wellbeing.
- 2.3 Learning and engagement.
- 2.4 Removal of potential barriers to learning.
- 2.5 Engaging families in learning
- 2.5 Early intervention and prevention
- 3.1 Wellbeing
- 3.1 Inclusion and equality
- 3.2 Equity for all learners
- 3.3 Increasing employability skills

Expected Impact	Strategic Actions Planned	Responsibilities	Measure of Success (Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)	Timescales
More young people improve their attendance and achieve their potential in school.	Focus on all staff following Beath attendance procedures to clearly identify attendance cohorts requiring actions (engage new staff at the start of 2024-25 session and refreshing information for existing staff). Attainment and Attendance Groups run to improve the attendance and outcomes for young people furthest from achievement.	G Hunter DHT Support R Loughran and A Anderson PTs Improving Attendance PTs Raising Attainment	Data in Power BI demonstrating improvements in cohorts (measured monthly). Young Learners At Risk (YLAR) spreadsheet.	August – September 2024 Monthly checks June 2024 - April 2025

Improved support for young people who have very low attendance or are school refusers.	Development of Outreach processes and policies.	G Hunter DHT Support M Terry Outreach Teacher	Tracking of the number of young people engaging with Outreach and the progress they are making in their learning.	Termly
Young people recognise that excellent attendance and improvements to attendance are celebrated.	Registration classes identified for awards. Individual attendance improvements	Office staff R Loughran and A Anderson PTs Improving Attendance	Higher % of pupils receiving attendance awards.	Monthly
School attendance figures improve to become in line with Fife and then with national average.	Use of Power BI to identify individuals and cohorts where improvements in attendance can be made in 2024-25.	R Loughran and A Anderson PTs Improving Attendance	Power BI showing improvements in attendance for identified individuals and cohorts.	Monthly

Education Directorate Improvement Plan: Health & Wellbeing

Focused Priority 2b: Improve staff and pupil wellbeing

Outcomes: A range of wellbeing activities and approaches that support and develop colleagues' wellbeing, promotes positive teamwork and builds capacity in whole school ethos and culture.

HGIOS4 Quality Indicators

3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion

Expected Impact	Strategic Actions Planned	Responsibilities	Measure of Success (Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)	Timescales
Survey all staff on preferred wellbeing foci for session 2024/25. Clear direction for colleagues' wellbeing priorities. Will allow measurements and comparisons to be made	Conduct a thorough assessment of current staff and pupil wellbeing. Create a vision aligned with Beath Vision to support staff and pupils Display wellbeing focus to	All Staff Staff Wellbeing Committee PTC's to support this	Microsoft Form / Spreadsheet comparisons	October
companionio to so mado	staff based on evaluations			Ongoing Calendar of events
Building relationships between staff, developing	Organise a variety of wellbeing events throughout	HG and Committee to lead	Direct observations	to be created
ethos and culture. Creating a sense of community Increased positive ethos and culture. Improved staff relations	the year 1. Secret Friend Initiative 2. Walking Wednesdays Staff Wellbeing afternoon	Staff Wellbeing Committee All colleagues All staff sign up	Staff evaluation	2025 2024-25
	INSET 2025	HG and wellbeing committee to organise activities	Survey Data MS Forms	

Staff have the opportunity to be upskilled and have a presence around school Opportunity to increase healthy lifestyle, fitness, positive mindset, routines, exercise	 Provide training sessions for staff and CLPL sessions Deliver L5 Mental Health First Aid course Work in partnership with local community. Use links such as Windmill farm for funding/ CPDs 	Use Fife Council and Fife OMM stress management, resilience building, and mental health awareness resources and CPDs H Brown Levenmouth PE teacher (MC/NDK)	Evaluations and feedback forms	All year Linking to Mental Health calendar of events
	Staff Wellbeing Hub classes			

Education Directorate Improvement Plan: Achievement/Health & Wellbeing

Focused Priority 2c: Celebrating Success

Aim: To provide a platform for Beath High School pupils success to be recognised and celebrated.

Who will change: NS and CH have taken lead on the celebrating success SIG at Beath. NS/CH created and sent out forms for faculties and parents/carers to input their young person's success. NS collated parents/carers responses and uploaded to the Celebrating Success Sway. CH collated faculty responses and uploaded to the Celebrating Success Sway.

What will change: Faculties and parents/carers will highlight the success that young person has achieved at the end of each term.

How will it change: Currently, the success of pupils is celebrated through whole staff emails or through X. The celebrating success SIG provides one platform where all young people's achievements are celebrated for the young people, parents/carers and staff to view. This will be published on the school website at the end of each term, making it more streamlined for all to view.

HGIOS4 Quality Indicators

Successes & Achievements

3.2 Raising attainment and achievement

Overall quality of learners' achievement

Overall, our learners are successful, confident, exercise responsibility and contribute to the life of the school, the wider community and as global citizens. They are personally and socially adept and have achieved a range of skills and attributes through a wide range of activities. As they move through their learning pathways they take increasing responsibility for ensuring they continue to add value to their achievements.

Features of Highly Effective Practice

There is evidence that children and young people are applying and increasing their achievements through active participation in their local community.

Challenge Questions

How well do we utilise accreditation where appropriate, to recognise and celebrate achievement?

How well are we capturing the impact of children and young people's achievements on our community?

How well does our work with partners and businesses ensure positive outcomes for our young people?

How well do we recognise and value the personal achievements of all learners?

How well do we track and recognise achievements?

Expected Impact	Strategic Actions Planned	Responsibilities	Measure of Success (Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)	Timescales
The purpose of the Celebrating Success SIG is to highlight and celebrate all young people's success inside and outside of school. It provides a platform for staff, learners and parents/carers to view the success and opportunities of Beath HS pupils.	Looking Outwards 1.Creation of BHS Celebrating Success NS completed probation year at LHS who has a successful Celebrating Success SIG. Inspiration taking from this to create a successful Celebrating Success SIG at Beath. Continue to make use of LHS for inspiration / a way of looking outwards / forwards. Professional Dialogue/Learning NS/CH spoke with DL regarding creation of Celebrating Success SIG. 2. Celebrating Success SIG Board NS/CH spoke regarding plan for Celebrating Success SIG. Board design/location discussed. 3. Partnership Working	N Stronach C Howe Faculty Representatives	7. Celebrating Success Sway Review A reflective form will be sent out to parents/carers as well as faculty representatives to gain feedback on the 1st edition of the Celebrating Success Sway. Feedback will be taken on board for sending out the 2nd edition.	 Creation of BHS Celebrating Success Sway Publish the 1st edition of BHS Celebrating Success 24th of June 2024. BHS Celebrating Success Board Create / put up a celebrating success board in the school by 28th of June 2024. Partnership Working Connect other schools in Fife to see how they celebrate success by 31st of October 2024.

NS	S to reach out to other schools		4. Link with Parental
in F	Fife on how they celebrate		Engagement Group
suc	ccess.		Publish the 2 nd edition
4. 1	Link with Parental		of the Celebrating
Eng	ngagement Group		Success Sway in
Lini	nk with Parental Engagement		partnership with the
Gro	oup with their termly		Parental Engagement
nev	wsletter to inform		Group newsletter by
par	rents/carers of key		the 4 th October 2024.
dat	tes/events.		
5. I	Merit system		5. Merit system
	colleagues should continue to		Ongoing.
ma	ake use of the merit system to		
cele	lebrate learners success on a		6. Link with DYW
	ily basis.		Officer
6. 1	Link with the DYW Officer		Publish the 2 nd edition
Lini	nk with LT to promote		of the Celebrating
eve	ents/showcase positive		Success Sway in
des	stination stories.		partnership with the
7. 0	Celebrating Success Sway		DYW Officer by the
Re	eview		4 th October 2024.
			7. Celebrating
7. F	Rector's 5 a day		Success Sway
Cap	pacity in Didbook to record	S Ross	Review
ach	hievements through the 5 a		Send out to
day	y process		parents/carers and
			faculty
			representatives by
			the 30 th of August
			2024.
			8. Rector's 5 a day
			Throughout session

Education Directorate Improvement Plan: Equality & Equity/Achievement//Attendance & Engagement

Focused Priority 3a: Improve Parental Engagement

- Parent/carer body are involved in school decision-making
- Parents/carers engage with young person's learning through information / support about assessments, feedback and revision strategies
- Parents/carers invited to engage with support for issues affecting young people's health and wellbeing

- 1.3 Leadership of Change
- 2.1 Arrangements to ensure wellbeing
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- 2.5 Early intervention and prevention
- 3.1 Wellbeing
- 3.1 Inclusion and equality
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- 3.3 Increasing employability skills

Expected Impact	Strategic Actions Planned	Responsibilities	Measure of Success (Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)	Timescales
Parents/carers of S4 young people to be offered a range of events to support continuous improvement of attainment.	Start Here for Success event to be delivered early in term one. Event to cover revision, study support, learning styles, importance of attendance, assessment window, TEAMs use and AAA.	HBL to lead Parental Engagement group with devolved faculty responsibility across the group.	Parent/carer views Young people's views Outcomes of further formative assessment SQA outcomes Attendance stats	Start Here for Success is on the calendar of events and planning began session '23-'24 Timescales to promote positive, improving attainment in line with
Supports to target universal level prior to assessment gathering and additional level post summative assessment.	Additional supports to focus on those at risk of not achieving 3@5, 5@5 and 4@5 as early intervention. Further events targeted at YLAR to involve parents/carers in supporting learners with achievement. • Subject specific study supports for learning together • Sharing of more detailed information around areas for improvement • Improved and targeted communication home for YLAR through PTCs/ PTs Attainment			SQA calendar
Parents / carers of new S1 pupils to be offered informal opportunities to see young people's outcomes and discuss start at High School.	S1 Settling In Celebration Evening delivered at end of term one. Event to target all parents/carers of S1 pupils with a view to promoting positive ongoing engagement / positive view of school. Faculties to offer 'Learn with Me' events, targeted at those learners	HBL to lead Parental Engagement group with devolved faculty responsibility across the group.	Parent/carer views Young people's views Attendance stats Evidence of closing gap between attainment vs deprivation through SNSA results in S2	Planned for end of term one, on calendar of events

	who are working below expected levels / have gaps in learning.			
Improvements to report writing / parent's evenings meetings to provide parents/carers with clear, evidence-based information of performance and opportunities for progression. Clear and viable next steps to be on individual basis.	Report writing / parent's evening sessions to be offered as part of Probationer / NQT calendar of events. Small working group to lead on report writing guide, with parent and pupil representation. Guide to be rolled out prior to first long reports through ELT mechanism. Stringent QA required in faculty and stringent QA from Guidance required on final check.	Opportunity for a member of PEG to lead, supported by HBL as required.	QA information returned during reporting process. Feedback QR code out to parents following long reporting. Feedback QR code out to young people following long reporting.	Realistic to deliver prior to first long report (draft for November) and important for 1.3 Leadership of Change

Parent/carer body engaged with wider school and informed of changes, achievements, appointments, calendar of events and community issues.	Consultation with parent/carer body about newsletters and wellbeing events to take place, with PEG responding to appetite for these appropriately. Small working group to lead on consultation, with parent and pupil representation.	Opportunity for a member of PEG to lead, supported by HBL as required.	Parent/carer views Pupil views Staff views Stakeholder / partner views Statistical data based on hits, page views, attendance to events as appropriate dependent on outcome of consultation	Consultation to be complete prior to October holiday.

Education Directorate Improvement Plan: Positive Destinations/Attendance & Engagement

Focused Priority 3b: Develop a curriculum for asymmetric and 27.5-hour week

HGIOS4 Quality Indicators

QI1.3, 1.5, 2.2, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 3.3

Expected Impact	Strategic Actions Planned	Responsibilities	Measure of Success (Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)	Timescales
To design a curriculum which will enable all learners to have access to a learning pathway that provides motivating experiences, meets their needs and enables them to achieve success.	 Re-establish Curriculum Group with representation from every Faculty area. Update and refresh our 	LA Curriculum Group PTCs All staff Parents/Carers Young people	Pupil Feedback Parent Feedback Staff Feedback	August 2024 August/September 2024
	curriculum rationale. • Review our equity of			August/September 2024
	curriculum provision for all year groups in preparation for session 2025 – 26.			August/September 2024
	 Discussions with PTCs and Faculties about curriculum offer for next session. 			October/November 2024
	 Course descriptors updated and shared with young 			December 2024
	people, parents/carers and all staff.			January 2025
				Late January – February holiday 2025

Mock course choice with Senior pupils	Late February – mid March 2025
PTC meetings to discuss requirements for new timetable	Late March 2025
Parents & Carers to complete choices with young people	
One to one course choice interviews with Guidance Teacher	
Build new timetable	

Education Directorate Improvement Plan: Positive Destinations/Attendance

Focused Priority 4a: Continue to improve employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people.

HGIOS4 Quality Indicators

QI1.1, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3

Expected Impact	Strategic Actions Planned	Responsibilities	Measure of Success (Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)	Timescales
A minimum of 95% of all young people leaving school will progress into a sustained, positive destination when they leave school.	Review and further develop the processes currently in place to support young people to transition into sustained,	L Abbot Guidance Team DYW Co-ordinator SDS All staff Partners	SLDR Pupil feedback SDS feedback	December 2024 for Winter Leavers June 2025 for Summer Leavers
	positive destinations.All young people will be		Attainment data Pupil feedback Parent feedback	May 2025
	supported to make informed decisions about courses and pathways.		Pupil feedback Partner feedback Staff feedback SLDR	May 2025
	 Further develop the range of opportunities for pupils to experience work-based learning in partnership with 			August 2024
	businesses, colleges and training providers.			August 2024 – Jan 2025
	SDS to do an Inservice with all staff to raise			

awareness of the Career		April 2025
Education Standard and		
inform our approach to it.		
 Use the CES self- 		
evaluation and reflection		
toolkit to review what CES		
performance indicators we		
currently meet at faculty		
and whole school level.		
and whole control level.		
 Create an action plan 		
the cumculum.		
Create an action plan based on the self- evaluation and reflection toolkit to consider the embedment of CES across the curriculum.		

Education Directorate Improvement Plan: Raising Attainment and Achievement

Focused Priority 5a: Raising attainment & achievement for targeted groups: Level 6 in S5 and 5@6 by end of S6

NIF Priority:

Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people. Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

- 1.1 Analysis and evaluation of intelligence and data
- 1.1 Ensuring impact on learners' successes and achievements
- 1.3 Leadership of Change
- 1.5 Management of resources and environment for learning
- 2.3 Effective use of assessment
- 2.3 Planning, tracking and monitoring
- 2.6 Continuity and progression in learning
- 3.1 Inclusion and equality
- 3.2 Attainment in literacy and numeracy
- 3.2 Attainment over time
- 3.2 Equity for all learners

Expected Impact	Strategic Actions Planned	Responsibilities	Measure of Success (Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)	Timescales
All teaching staff are aware of previous pupil performance and attainment. All staff are thoroughly prepared for Faculty attainment review.	Use CfE machine – 'Results Machine' to thoroughly scrutinise attainment data.	MD All Staff	Attainment data scrutinised under several headings including: course summary, pupil summary, 5@5/6, marking reviews, prior attainment and component marks analysis. All teaching staff complete attainment evaluation for their classes.	Aug 2024
2 Almost all pupils will have their learning journey tracked over a period of time, to ensure that they are making incremental improvement over time.	Targeted tracking calendar in place for all S5/S6 learners to identify those at risk of not achieving their true potential. Specific focus on pupils studying L6 qualifications in S5 and ensuring that S6 5@6 attainment is maximised.	MD TMR Working Group All Staff	Didbook tracking data will identify whether a young person is on/off track, their current working grade and their target grade.	Aug 2024 – Apr 2025

3	Almost all pupils are supported through targeted interventions to attain appropriate qualifications and go on to a sustained positive destination.	Implement targeted intervention strategies for pupils identified as being off track at level 6 based on Didbook data. Focus on cusp pupils who are close to achieving key performance indicators 1@6, 3@6 and 5@6.	MD All Staff	Increase in the % of S5 pupils achieving level 6 qualifications and the % of S6 pupils achieving 5@6 – in line or better virtual comparator.	Aug 2024 – Apr 2025
4	Opportunity for all pupils to further refine their subject knowledge and SQA exam technique. Also, an opportunity for colleagues to build a rapport with pupils. This will further strengthen colleague's ability to tailor learning and teaching in order to get the best out of pupils.	Extensive study support and masterclass programme to be created to support level 5 and level 6 attainment.	MD/DL	Study support and masterclass programme shared with pupils and parents and carers. Support systems also regularly communicated via the school's communication platforms.	Sept 2024 – Study Support March 2025 – Masterclass Programme
5	All pupils are well positioned to make informed course choice based on maximising their ability to achieve level 5 and level 6 qualifications.	Guidance teachers to use assertive course choice strategy when advising young people in order to maximise pupil capacity to attain at the highest possible level.	HBL/GF/SA/ALC	Thorough scrutiny of pupil's prior attainment using previous attainment data obtained from CfE machine. Pupils presented with information to allow them to make an informed decision that will give them the best chance of passing at level 6 in particular.	Jan 2025 – Aug 2025

Education Directorate Improvement Plan: Achievement/Attendance & Engagement

Focused Priority 5b: Improving Pedagogy

- 1.2 Leadership of Learning
 1.3 Leadership of Change
 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment
 2.7 Partnerships

Expected Impact	Strategic Actions Planned	Responsibilities	Measure of Success (Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)	Timescales
A focus on improving pedagogy across the school will positively impact outcomes for all young people through S1-6. It is hoped that by further improving	Continued development of OSIRIS Outstanding Teacher Intervention programme – Cohort 2	D Lowrie, L Henning (OSIRIS) D Lowrie, PTCs. PT	Direct observations, self- evaluation (lesson videos) Direct Observations	January-June 25 PTC/SLT – September-
that, by further improving teachers use of varied and engaging pedagogy, this will lead to an increase engagement in learning, resulting in improved	 Clear Whole school focus on: Checking for Understanding Effective Questioning Formative Assessment 	Subject	(Buddy/PTC/SLT) – part of agreed whole school lesson visit plan	December 24 Buddy – January-April 25
attainment and achievement for young people across the Broad General Education and Senior Phase. The scope of this priority is to	Strategies Developed through whole school and faculty specific approaches	L Edmondston (PT Pedagogy)	Staff views, MS feedback forms	Ongoing, by June 2025
impact positively on all young				By December 2024
people across the school.	Further develop CLPL programme to cover identified whole school focus. This includes whole school CLPL	D Lowrie, A Potter (PTC HWB), LTA Strategic Working Group	Staff views, consultation via working groups	Ongoing, by June 2025
	Session at November INSET, as well as programme of twilight sessions.	D Lowrie	Self-evaluation of current practice following consideration of others, staff views	

Develop school approaches – Lesson Evaluations, Agreed Consistencies		
Continue to develop partnership working within the area of QI 2.3 Partner schools, DHT Collaborative		