

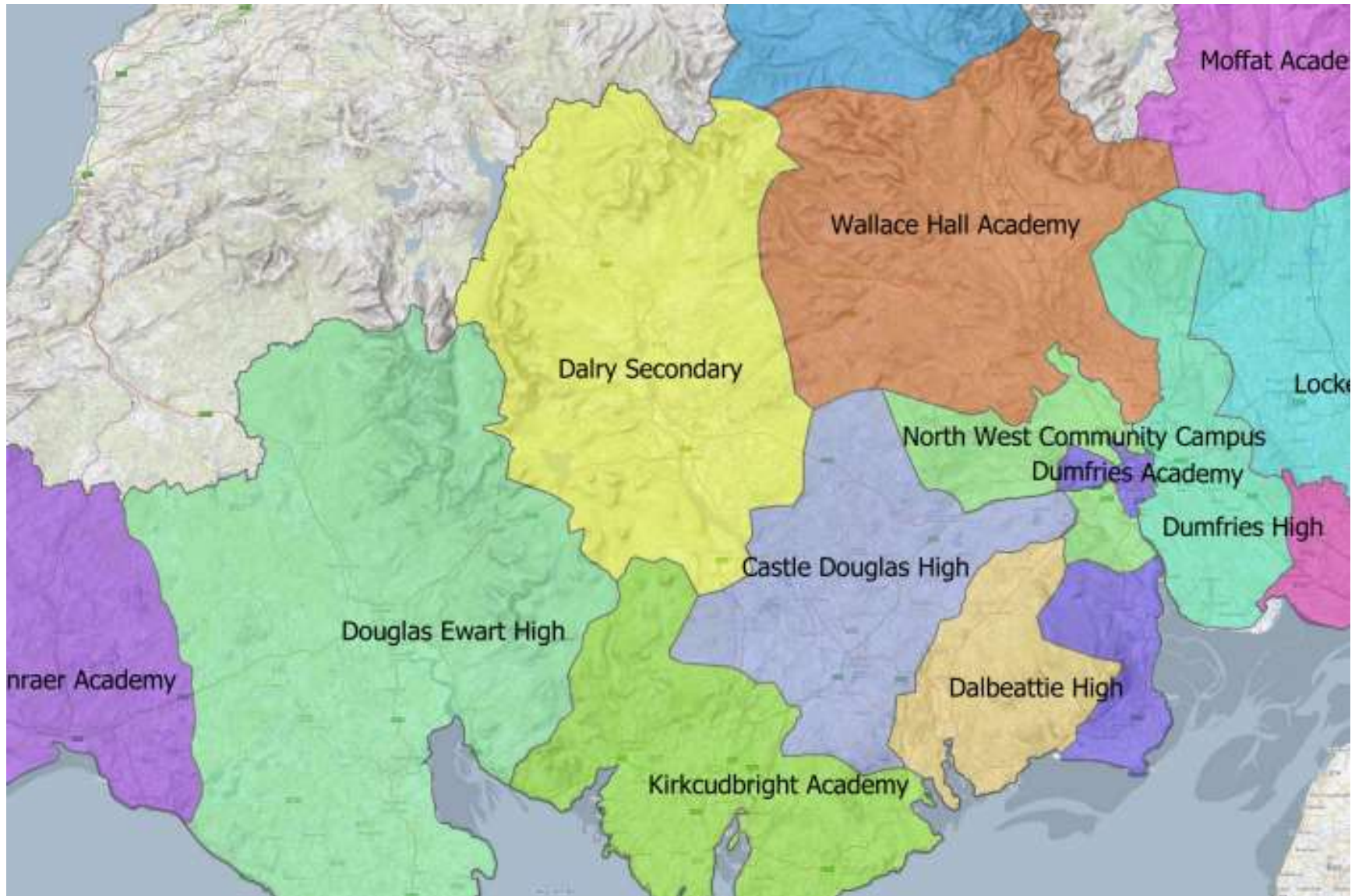
Dalry Secondary School Discussion for Parents and Young People

Dalry Secondary School
Thursday 21st September 2023

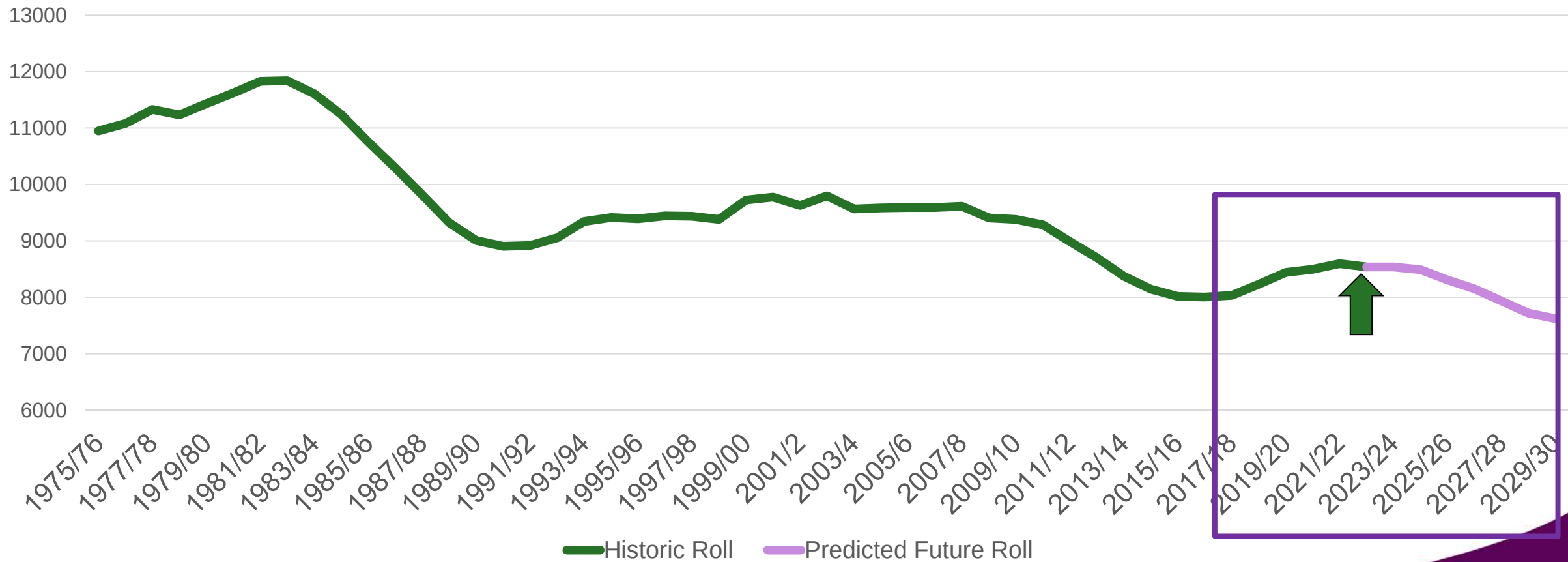
What is the context?

- Delivering the curriculum
 - How do we ensure the highest quality provision of education at Broad General Education and Senior Phase for Dalry Secondary pupils?
- Next Steps
 - What is a effective model for our secondary aged pupils at Dalry Secondary?

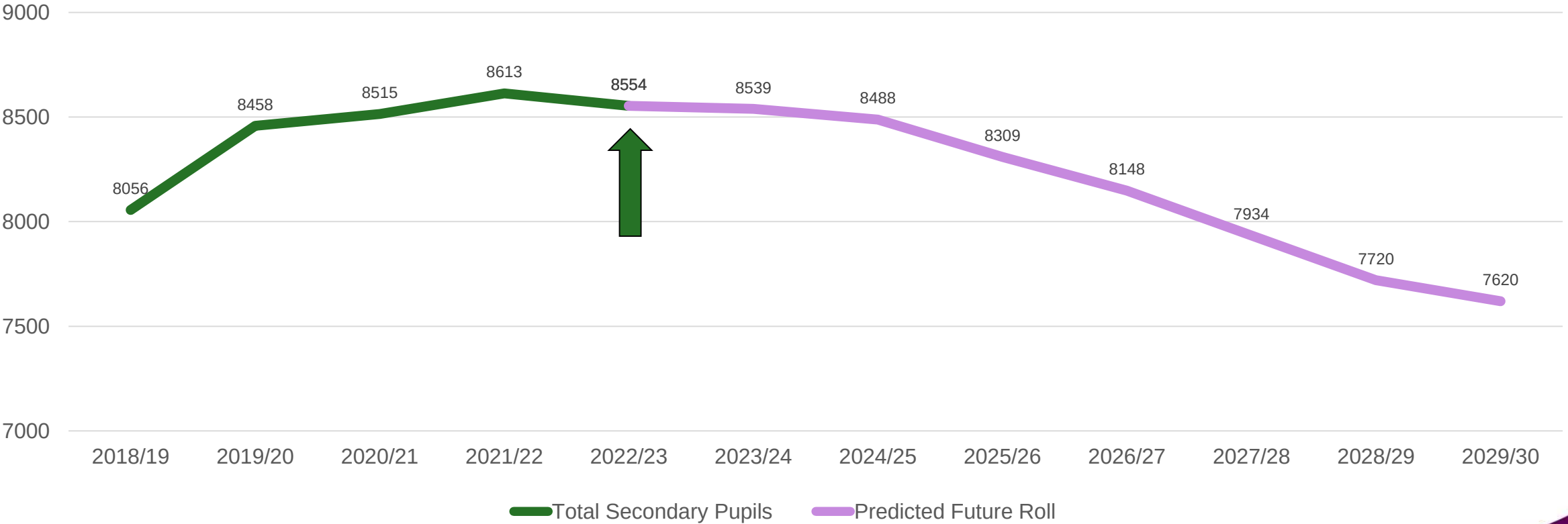
Dalry Secondary School Catchment Area



D&G Secondary Historic and Predicted Roll

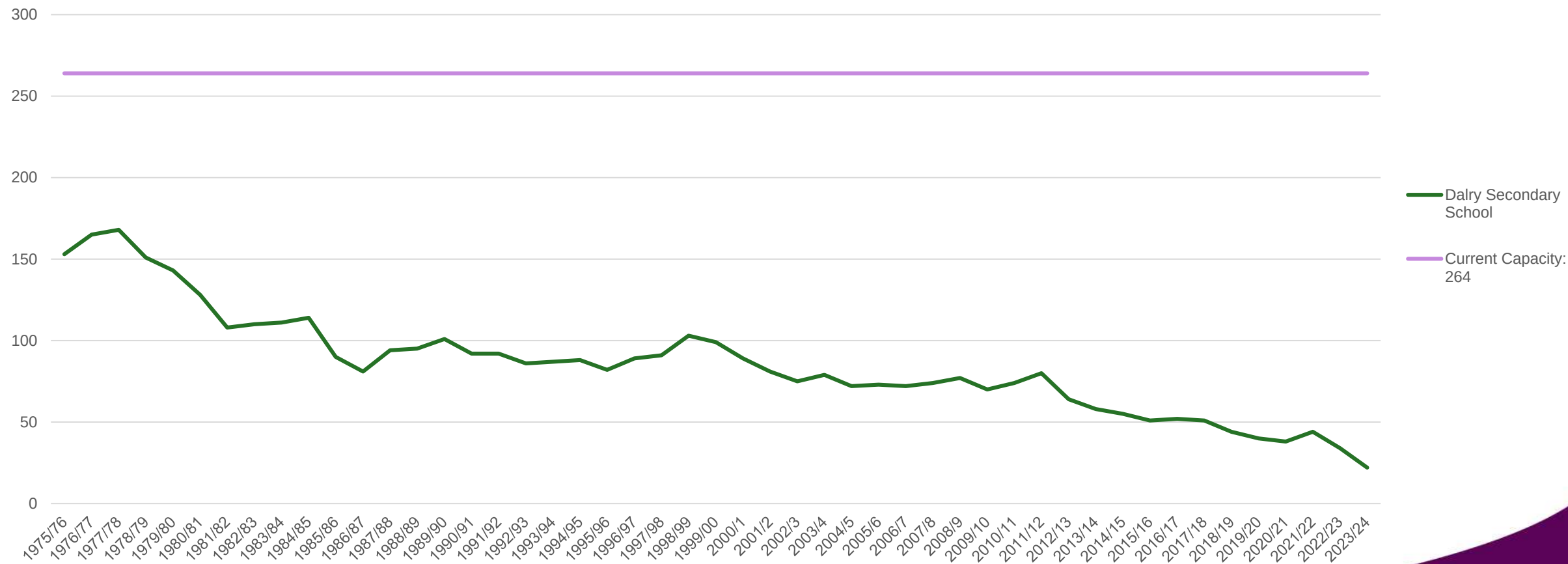


D&G Secondary (S1-6) Current and Future Pupil Numbers



Source: Pupil Census data

Dalry Secondary School Historical Roll: Capacity 264



Catchment Attendance

- 69 S1-S4 children living in Dalry Secondary Catchment
- 22 currently attending Dalry Secondary (32%)

Dalry Catchment Pupils Destinations	S1	S2	S3	S4	
Castle Douglas High School	8	7	13	10	38
Dalbeattie High School				1	1
Dalry Secondary School	7	9	8	3	27
Kirkcudbright Academy	1	1			2
Wallace Hall Academy			1		1
Grand Total	16	17	22	14	69

What has happened at Dalry Secondary?

- Following consultation in November 2022 the indication was that nine S3 pupils would continue their education at Dalry for S4
- A full curriculum offer was made to the pupils in February 2023.
- From the choices indicated by pupils a set of viable options was created. This provided English, Maths, and a choice of eight other subjects.
- Ten subjects in total for nine pupils.

What has happened at Dalry Secondary?

Four subject columns with a choice of two subjects in each column.

Dalry Secondary - S3 to S4 option choice for session 2023-24

		Dalry Secondary S3 to S4 option choices							
		Column A		Column B		Column C		Column D	
		Spanish	Music	Design & Manufacture	Graphic Communication	PE	Art	Geography	History
		4	4	6	2	3	5	4	4
Pupil	1	✓			✓		✓		✓
Pupil	2		✓	✓			✓		✓
Pupil	3		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Pupil	4		✓	✓			✓		✓
Pupil	5	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Pupil	6	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Pupil	7								
Pupil	8		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Pupil	9	✓			✓	✓			✓

What has happened at Dalry Secondary?

- June 2023 the timetable began with the S4 pupils following English and Maths and the subjects listed previously.
- At the end of the first week of the June timetable 3 young people decided to move to CDHS. Some wanted to follow the same subjects and some wanted to follow different subjects.
- This immediately impacted on the numbers in each column making some options non-viable.
- In the last week of term a further two pupils decided to move to CDHS reducing further the viability of some subjects.

What has happened at Dalry Secondary?

In the last week of session 2022-23, a letter was sent by the Headteacher and Head of Education to make the strong recommendation that parents transfer their child to S4 at Castle Douglas High School due to the curriculum offer and peer learning opportunities available there which would not be available at Dalry.

What has happened at Dalry Secondary?

A new timetable based on the following S4 options was then created to begin in August 2023.

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Dalry Secondary S3 to S4 option choices							
Column A		Column B		Column C		Column D	
Music		Design & Manufacture	Graphic Communication	Art	PE At CDHS	Geography at CDHS	History
3		2	1	2	1		3
Pupil	1	✓		✓			✓
Pupil	2	✓		✓		✓	
Pupil	3	✓			✓		✓

What has happened at Dalry Secondary?

- As session 2023_24 began a further S4 pupil transferred to CDHS full time while two pupils travel to study geography rather than history and PE rather than Art.
- A parent council meeting was held at the end of August where the Headteacher commented about the damaging effect of newspaper articles.
- Those published articles only served to damage Dalry Secondary and have potentially led to some parents of S3 pupils transferring to other secondary schools. Session 2023-24 began with a total of nine pupils in S3. Due to the emerging situation the total in S3 may now be only one pupil.

What has happened at Dalry Secondary?

The current numbers at Dalry Secondary are likely to be as follows

S1	S2	S3	S4	Total
5	9	1	3	18

Several parents who have chosen to move their child from S3 at Dalry have also chosen to take on the responsibility for transporting their child by sending them to Kirkcudbright Academy rather than be given access to school transport to attend Castle Douglas High School.

What has happened at Dalry Secondary?

A new timetable began on Monday 18th September with S2 and S3 as a composite class. S1 remain, for now, a separate group. S4 have been fitted around the BGE S1-S3 classes.

Our priority is your education

“All schools are committed to ensuring positive destinations for our young people despite the challenges of ensuring equity in a large rural area...In planning schools’ curriculum, our challenges are rurality; depopulation; size of school / class size viability; transport links and digital skills and infrastructure.”

– Education & Learning Business Plan 2019-2023

How can we deliver the Curriculum our young people are entitled to?



How can this be delivered for the young people at Dalry Secondary School?

We need to ensure that we can provide

- Curriculum areas (8) and subjects
- Interdisciplinary learning
- Ethos and life of the school
- Opportunities for personal achievement

Young people are entitled to a Curriculum

- Which is coherent from 3 to 18;
- Offers a broad general education, including well planned experiences and outcomes across all the curriculum areas from early years through to S3. This includes understanding the world, Scotland's place in it and the environment, referred to as Learning for Sustainability;
- Offers a senior phase, after S3, which provides opportunities to attain and achieve, including to study for qualifications, awards and other planned activities to develop the four capacities;

Our young people are entitled to a Curriculum

- Which provides opportunities for developing skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work;
- Which provides opportunities to maximise their individual potential, benefitting from appropriate personal support and challenge;
- Offers support to help them move into positive and sustained destinations beyond school.

Tonight we need to decide

How can we provide the best education for current young people for their next steps in learning?



What are the options?

How can we support you? What support do you need?

End of Presentation

Thank you for your time.

Opportunity for discussion.