

Progress in Educational Attainment

West Lothian Schools

Presentation to Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

December 2024



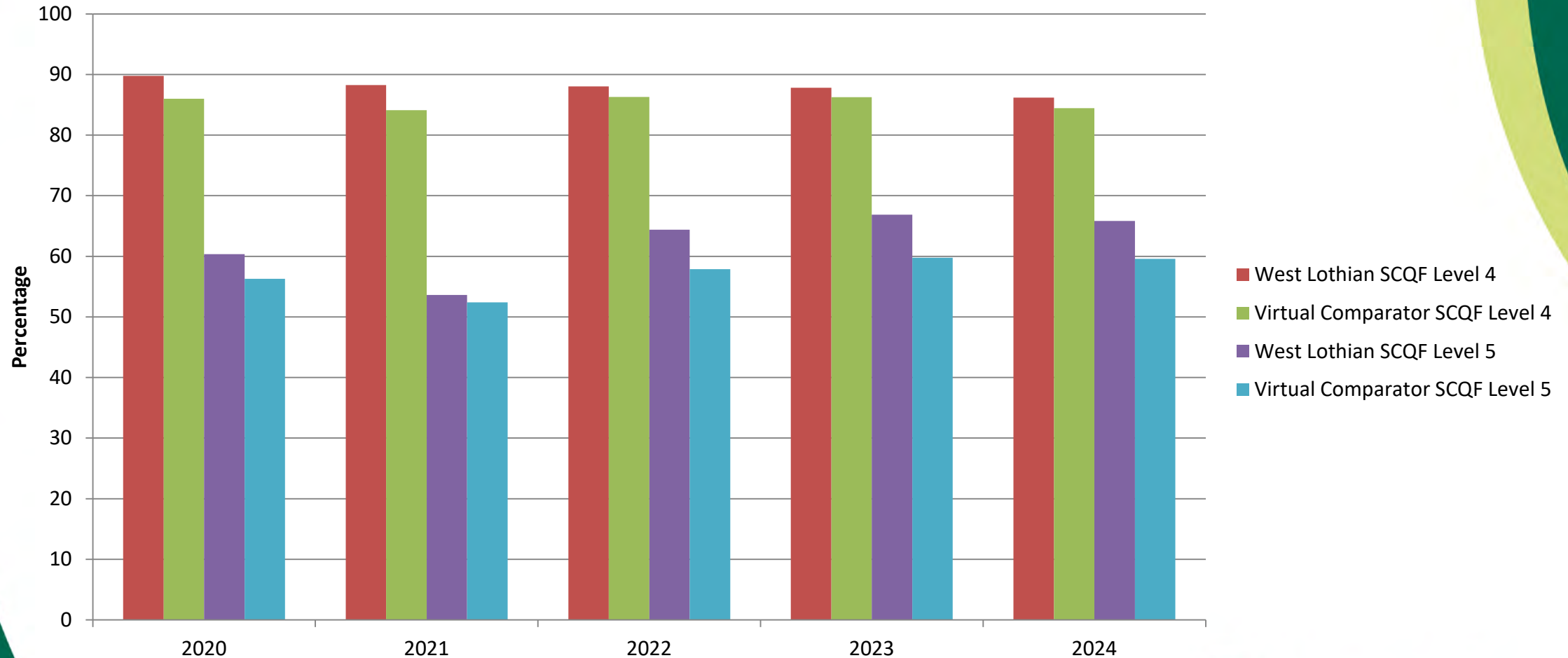
Our vision for education in West Lothian:

Our vision for education is achieving excellence and equity. Through this we will ensure that all of our children and young people develop the values, attitudes, knowledge and skills necessary to shape a sustainable future for themselves.

The overarching themes are to raise the attainment of all in achieving excellence, and to ensure equity through closing the gap in education outcomes between children from the most and least deprived backgrounds.

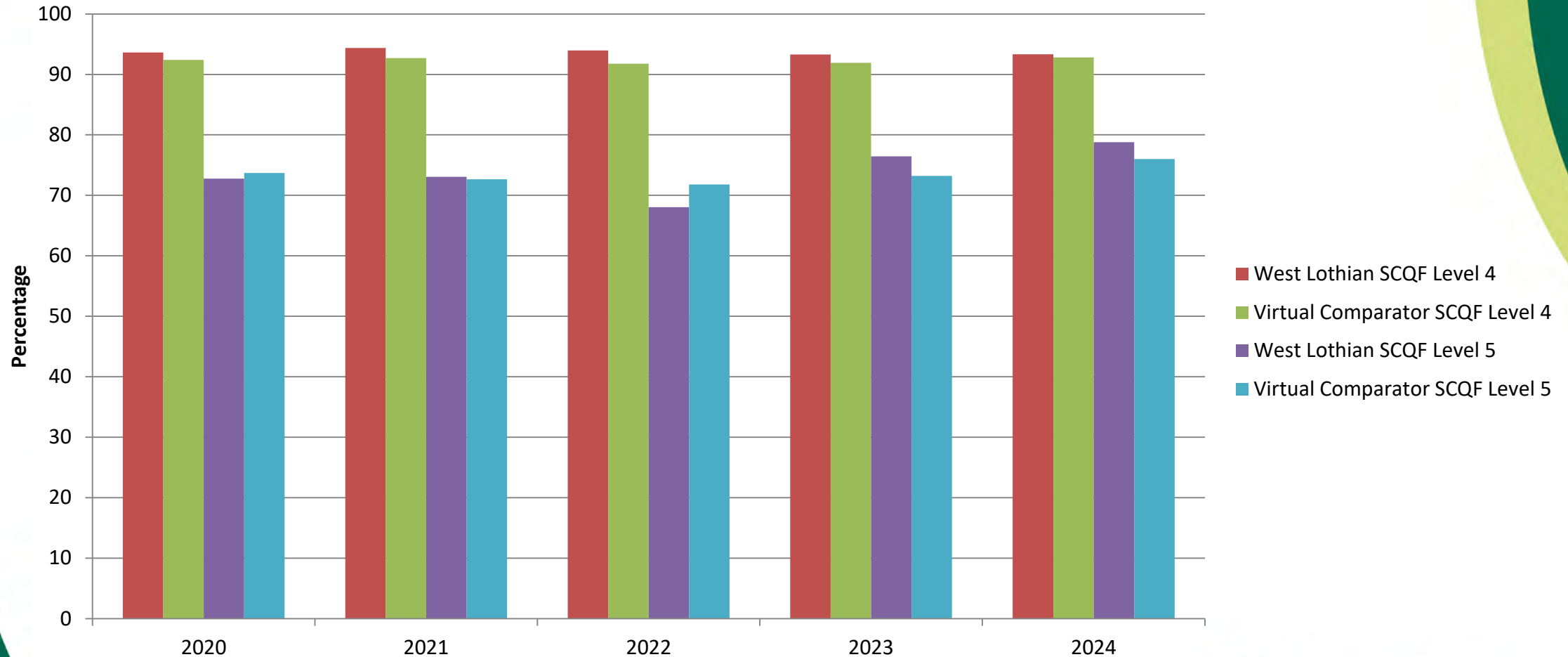
S4 Literacy & Numeracy Attainment

Percentage of S4 Pupils Attaining Literacy and Numeracy



S5 Literacy & Numeracy Attainment

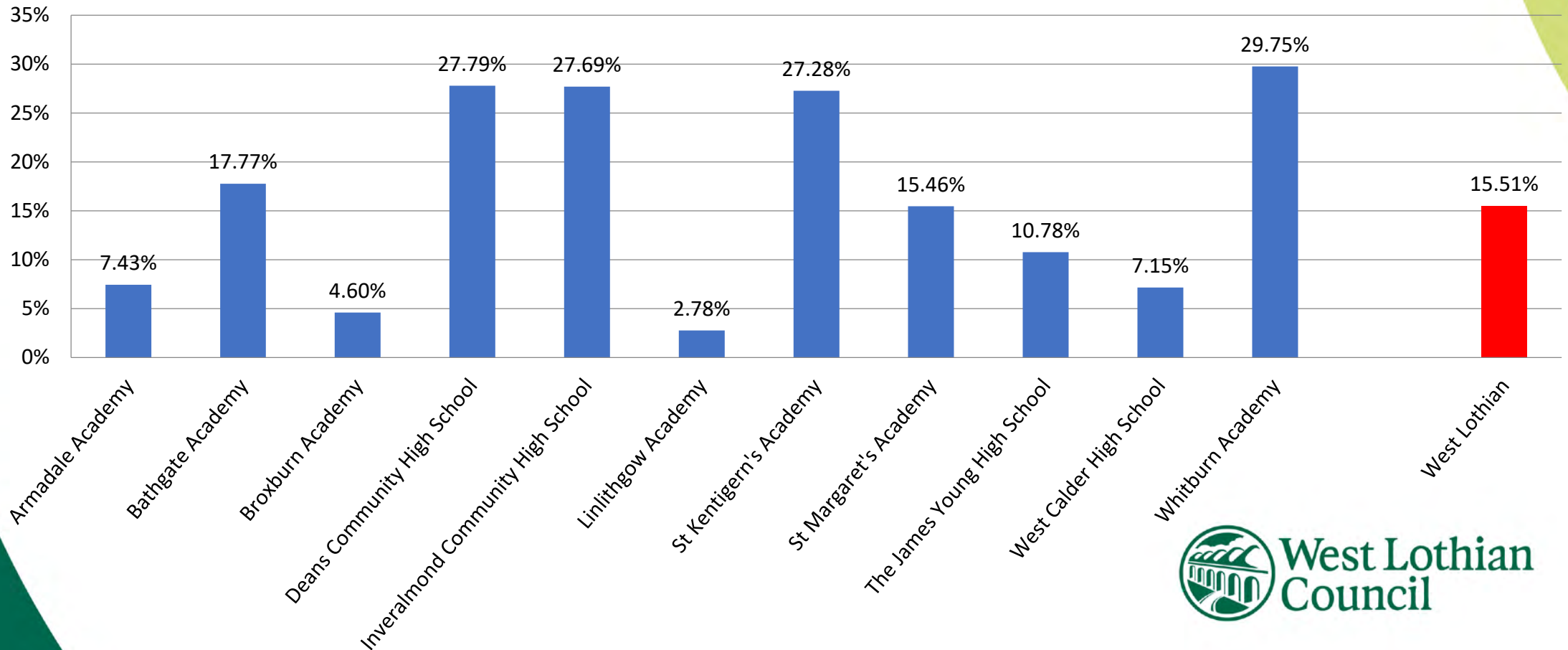
Percentage of S5 Pupils Attaining Literacy and Numeracy



WLC Secondary Schools 2023/24 SIMD Profile

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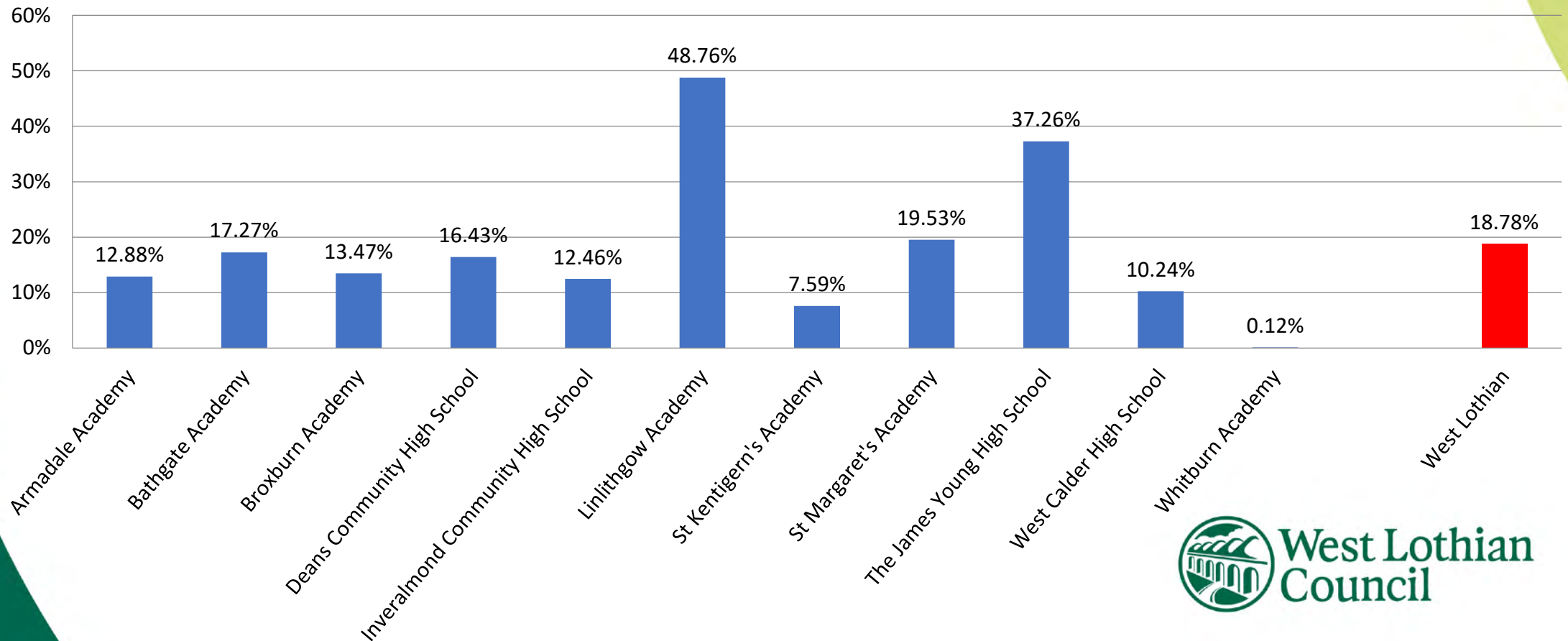
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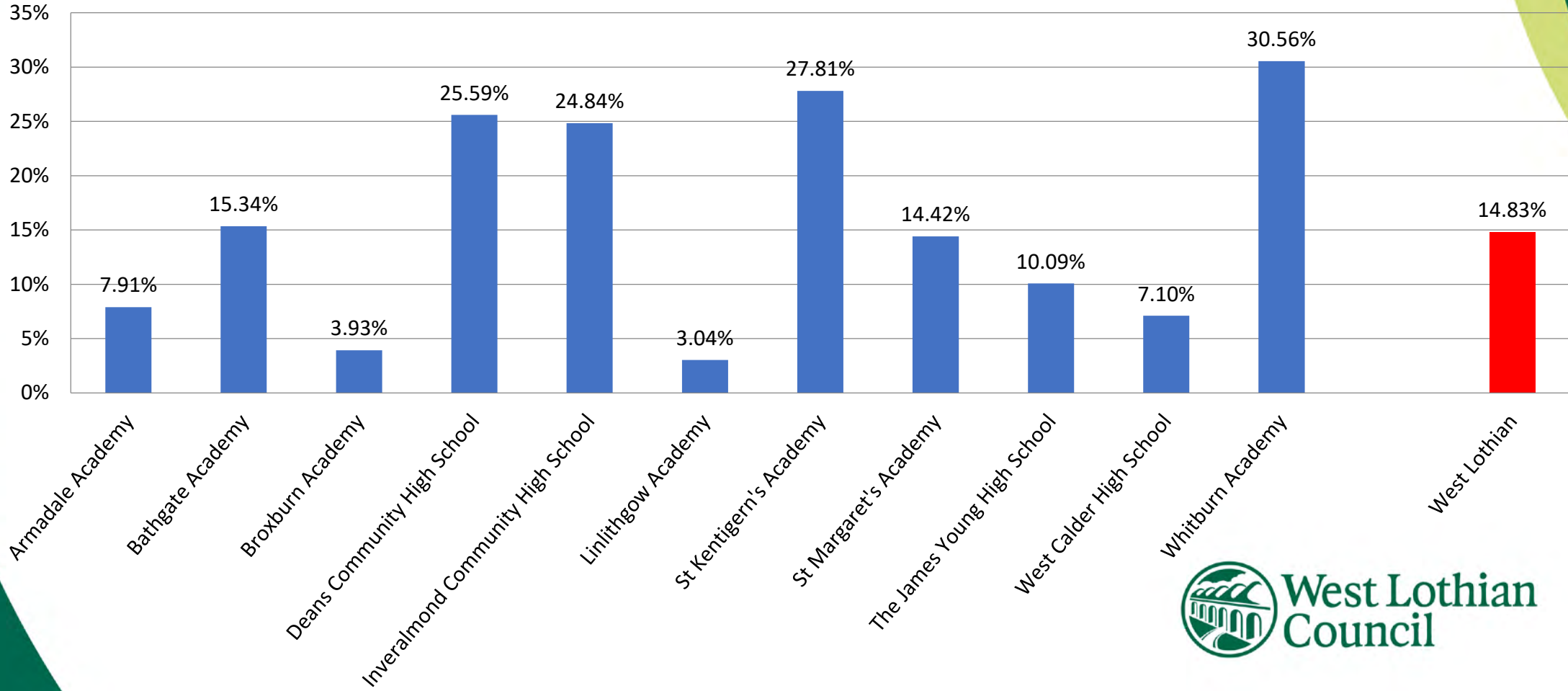
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Senior Phase (S4-S6) Pupils – Quintile 1 Distribution

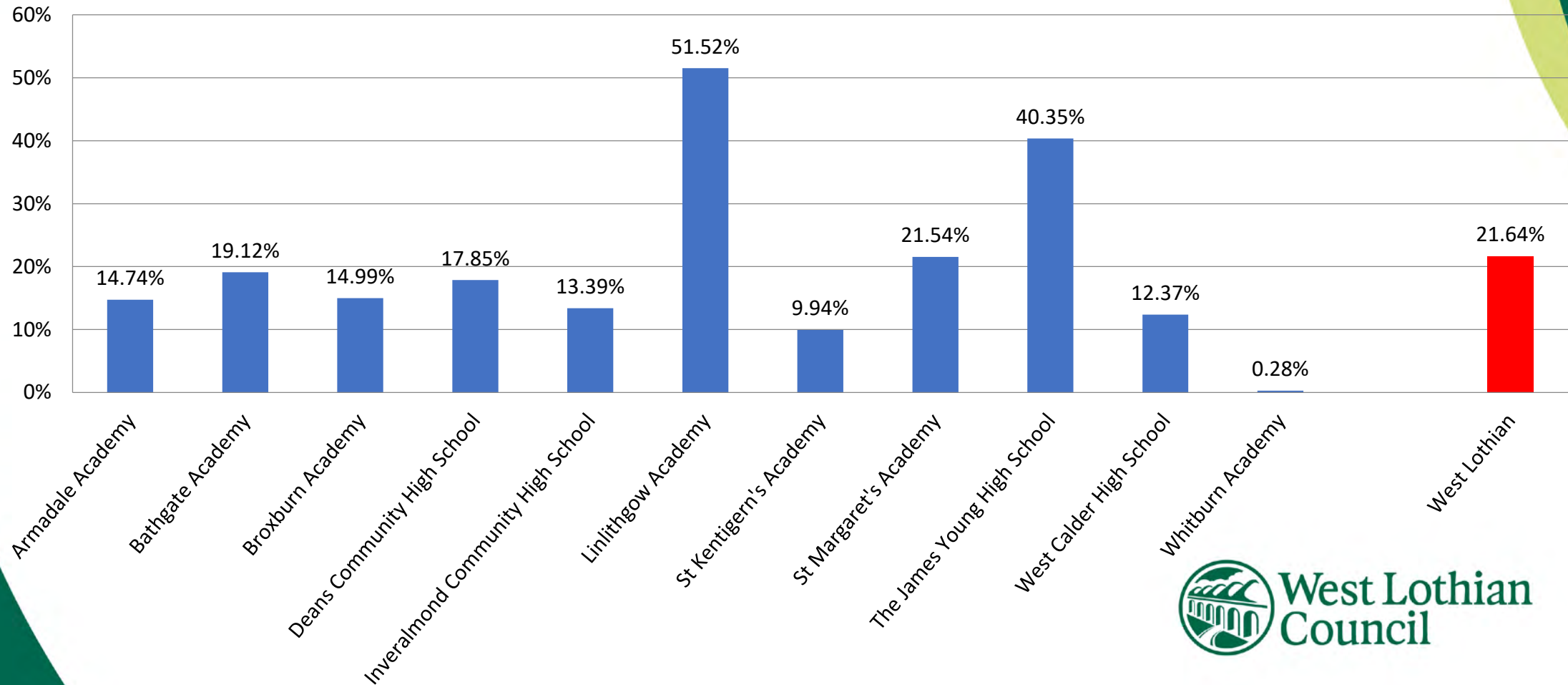
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Senior Phase (S4-S6) Pupils – Quintile 5 Distribution

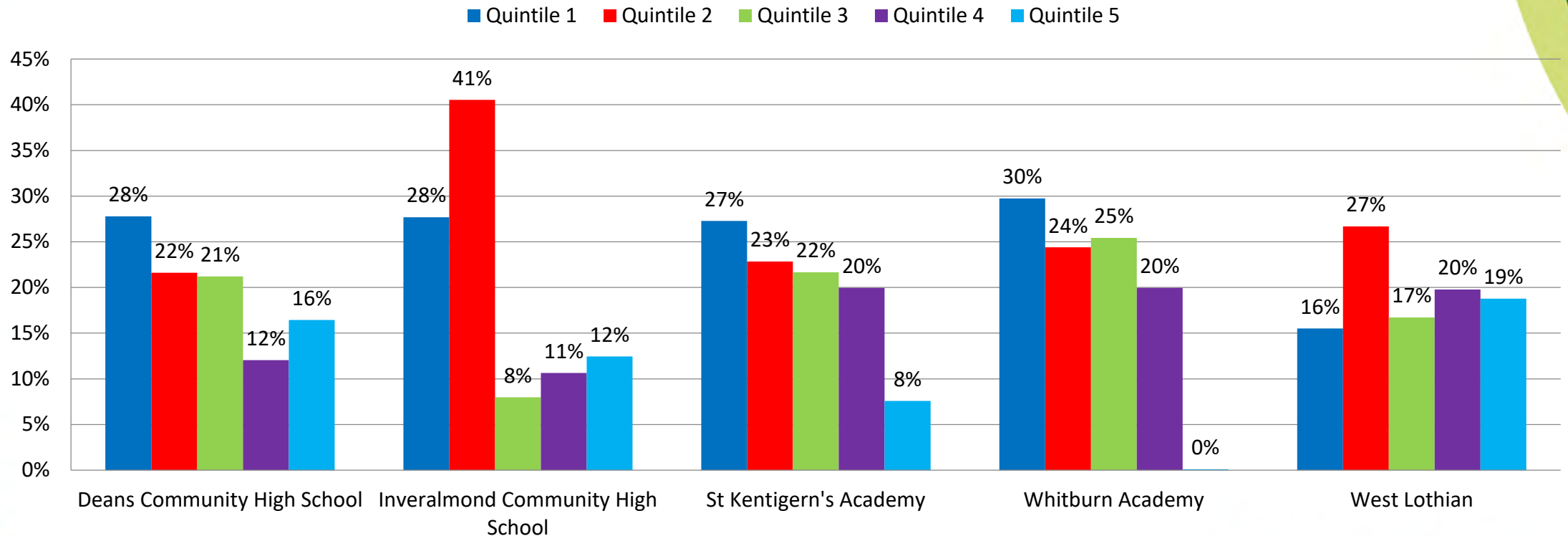
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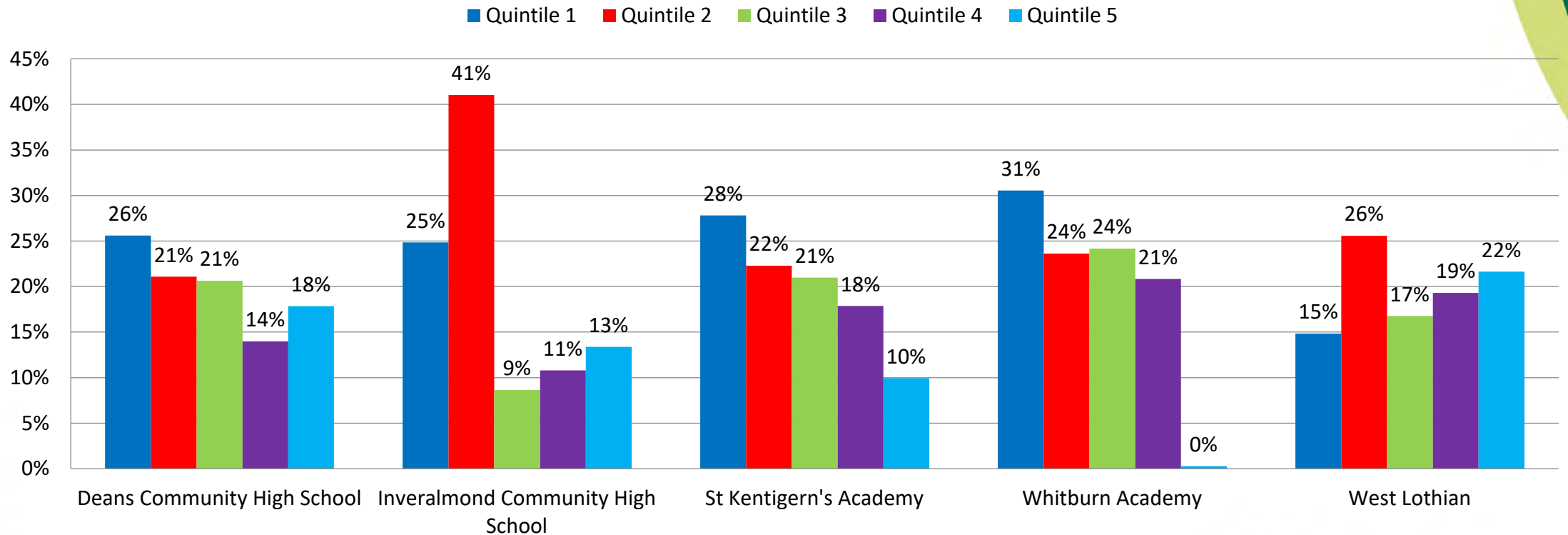
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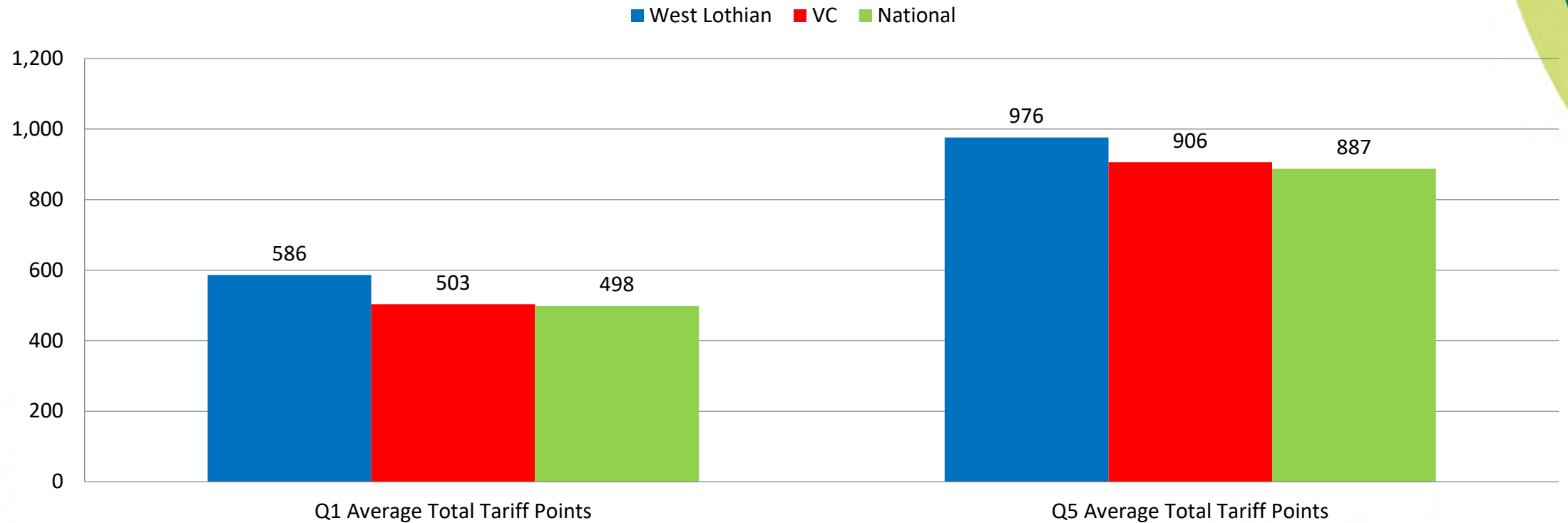
Senior Phase SIMD Distribution



WLC Attainment versus Deprivation

WLC S5 Attainment in 2024 versus the VC and National results Average Total Tariff Points Q1 versus Q5

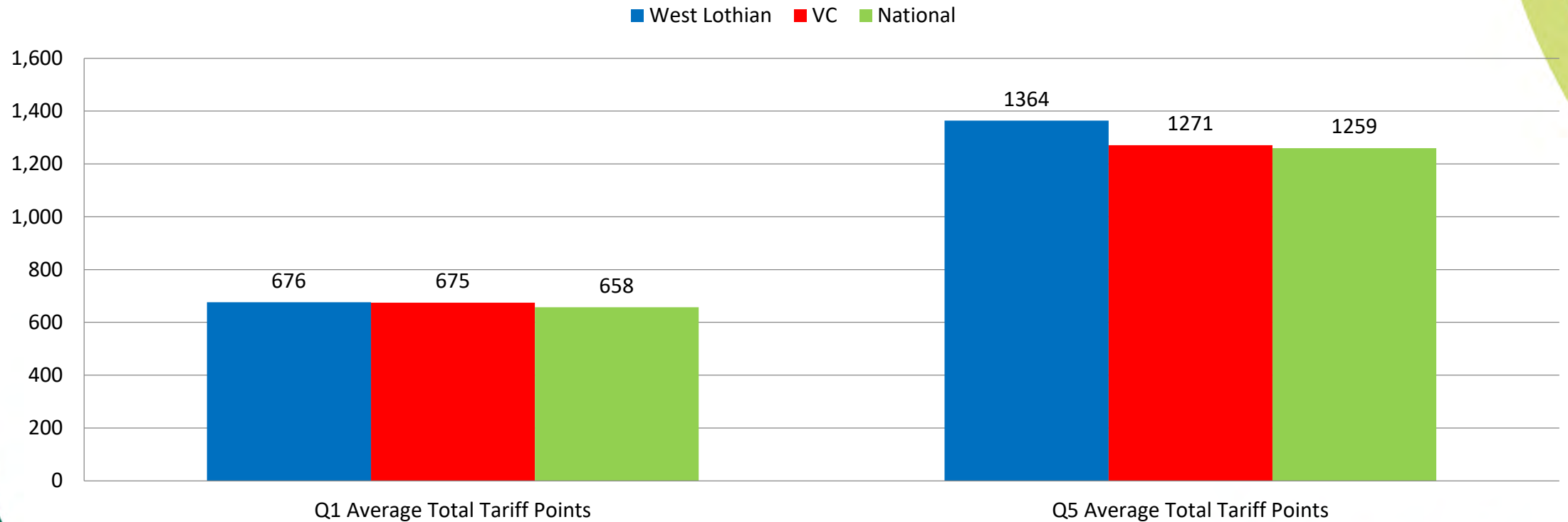
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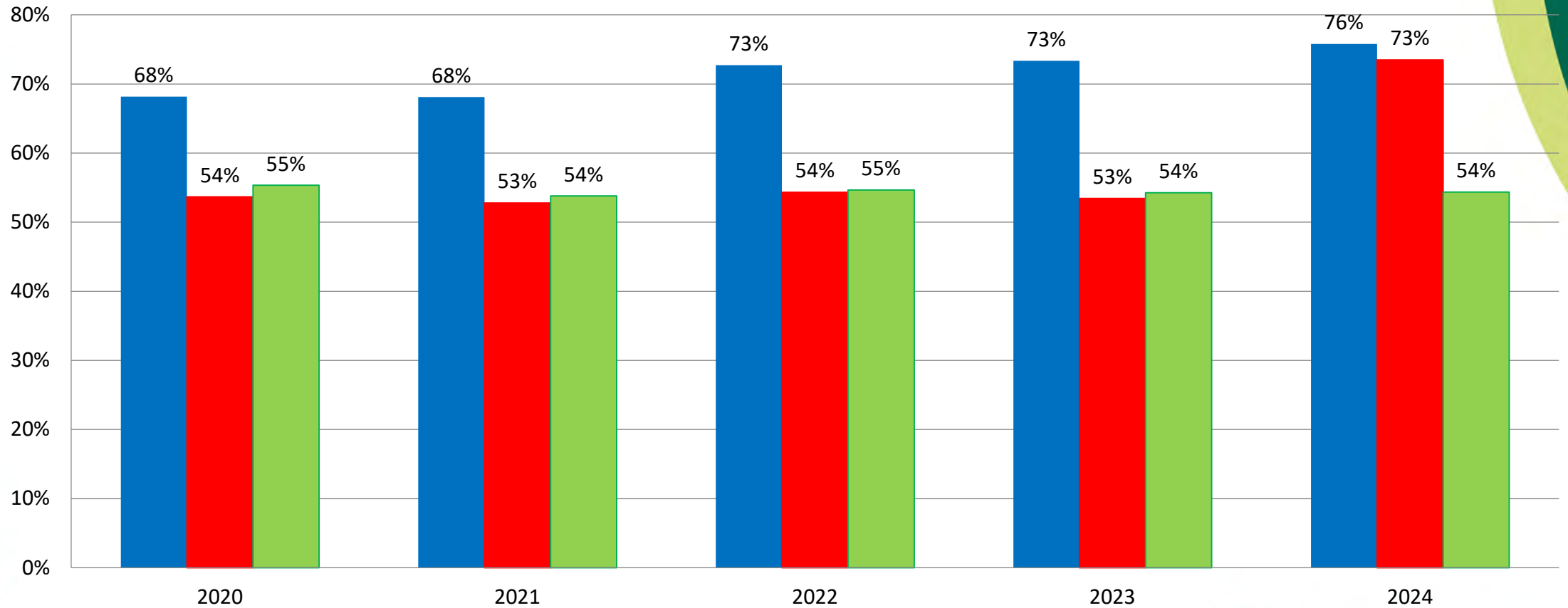
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West Lothian Senior Phase Breadth & Depth

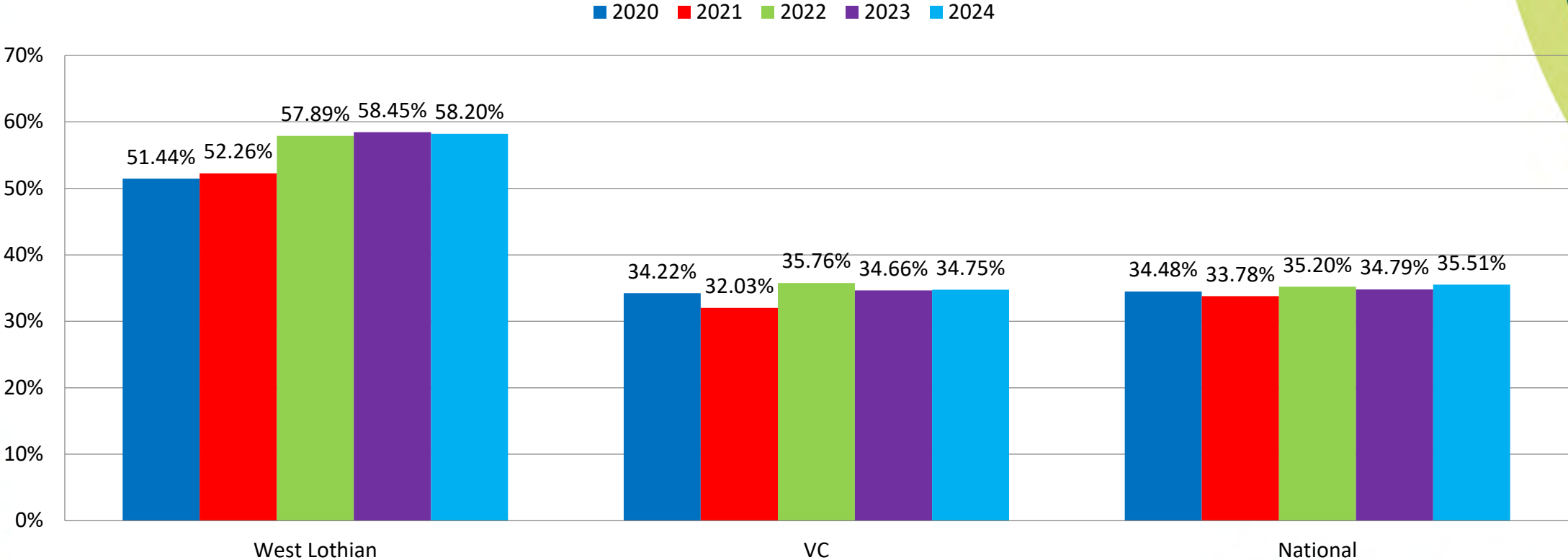
S4 SCQF 5+ Level 5 Awards

■ West Lothian ■ West Lothian VC ■ National



2024 S4 SCQF – Quintile 1 West Lothian

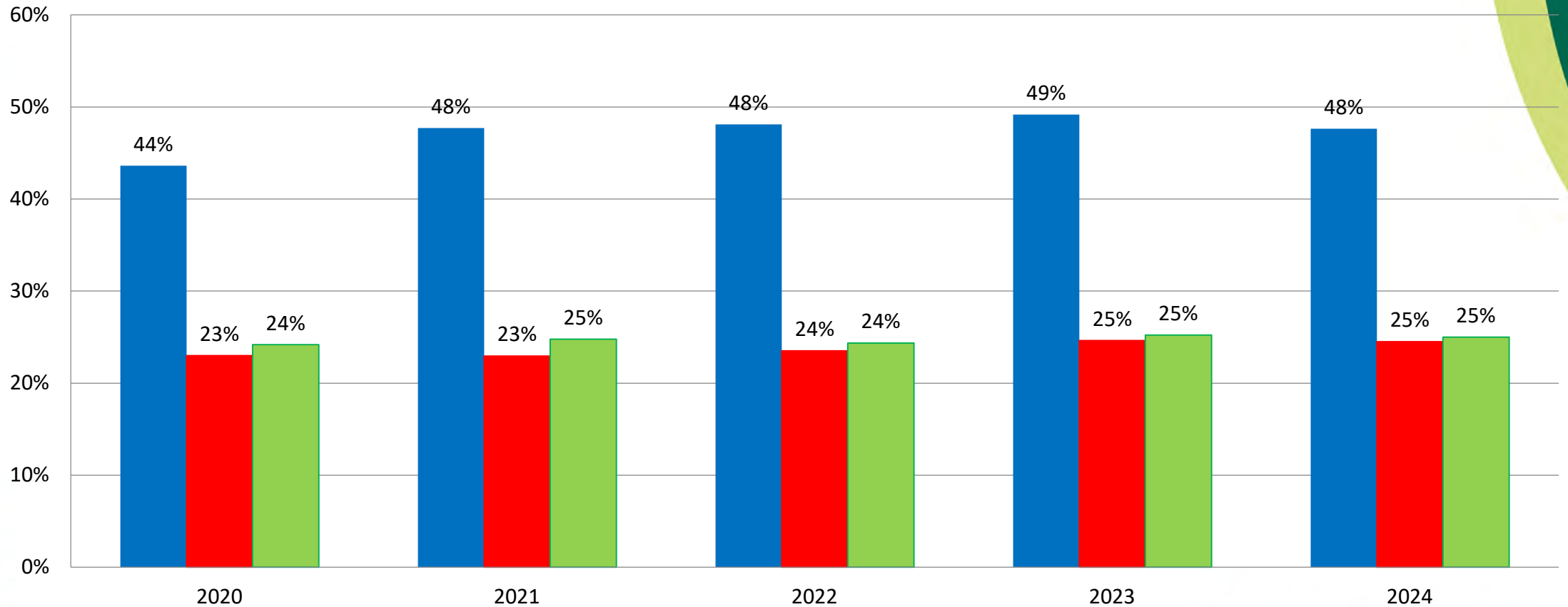
S4 SCQF 5+ Level 5 (Quintile 1) - West Lothian versus VC versus National



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S5 SCQF 5+ Level 6 Awards

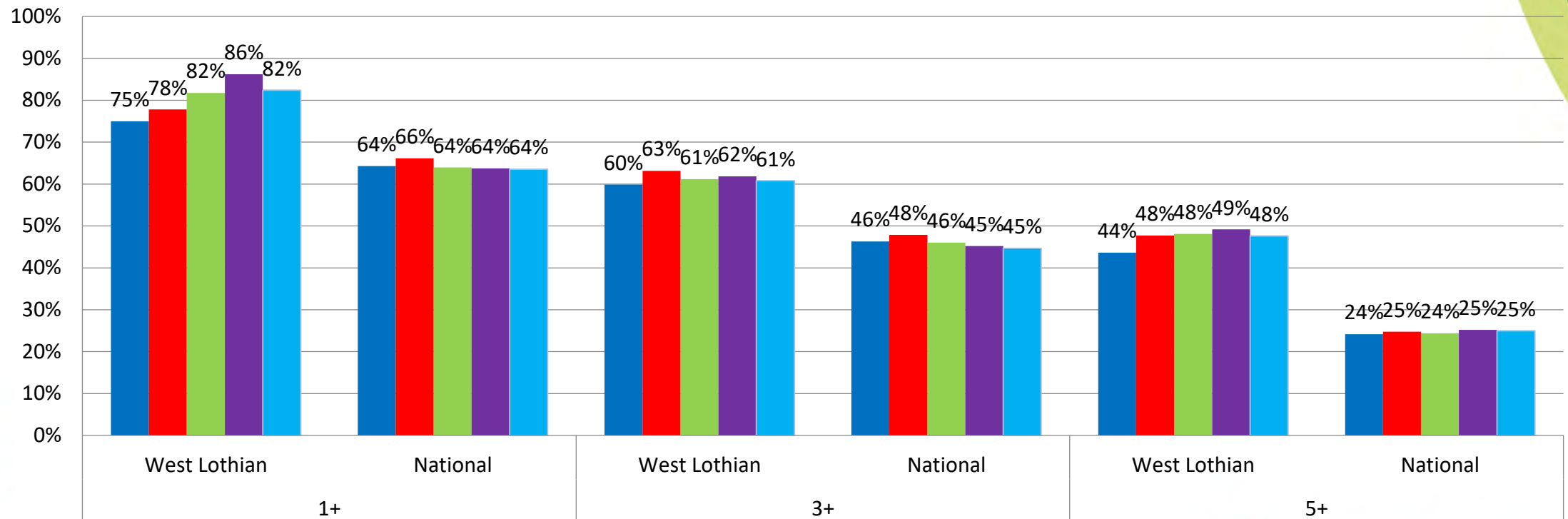
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2024 S5 SCQF West Lothian

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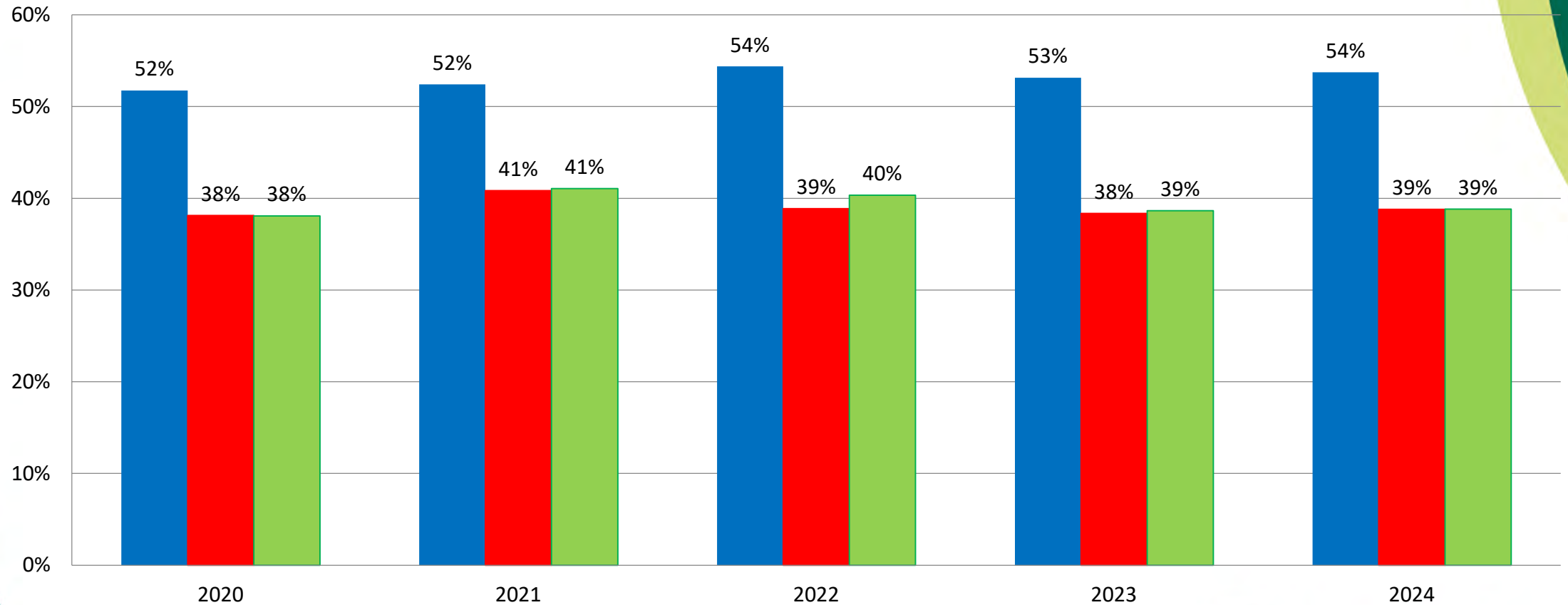
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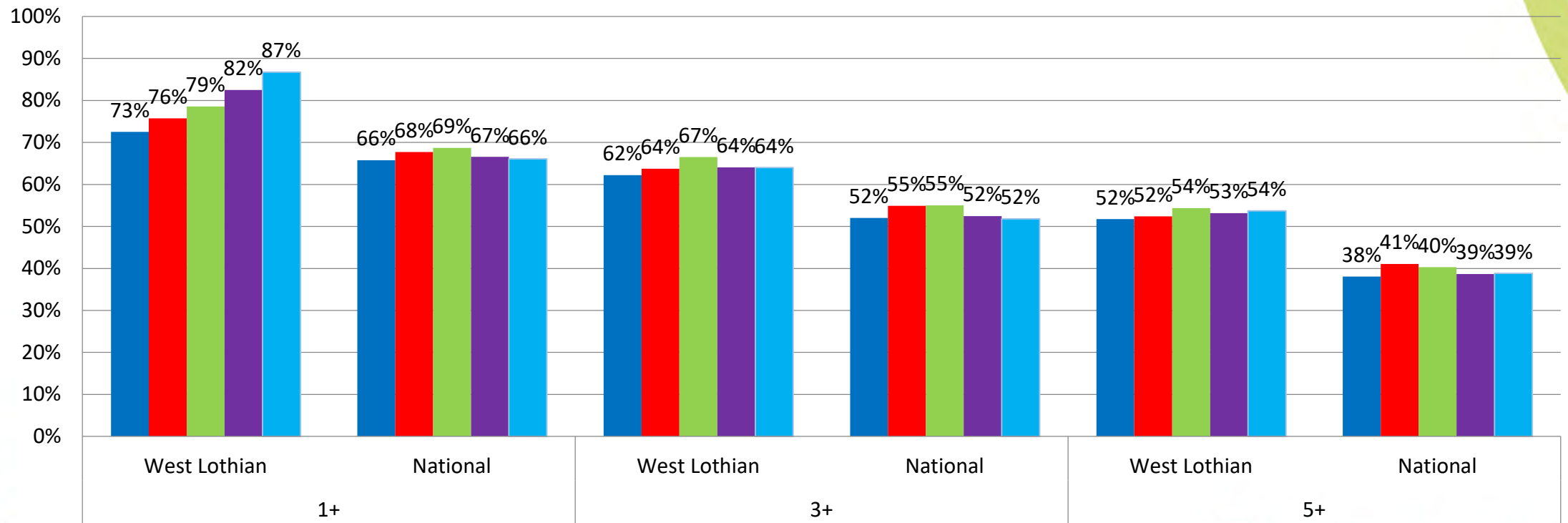
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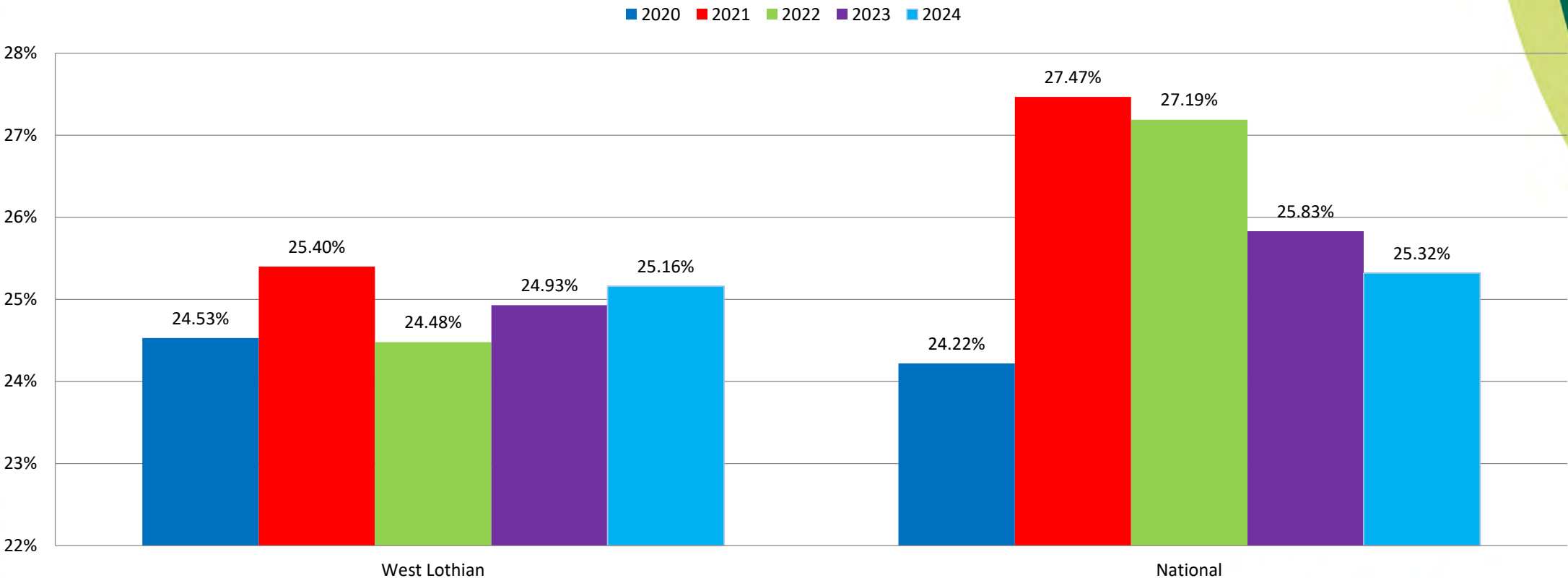
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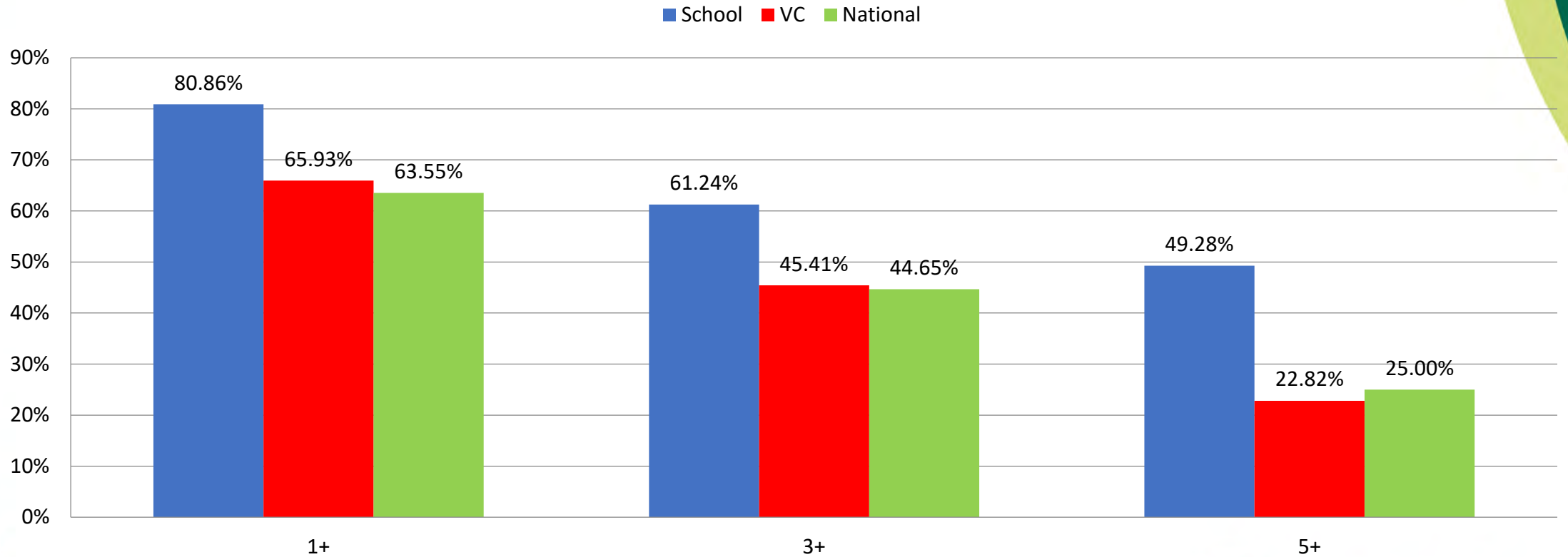
2024 S6 SCQF West Lothian

S6 SCQF 1+ Level 7 - West Lothian versus National



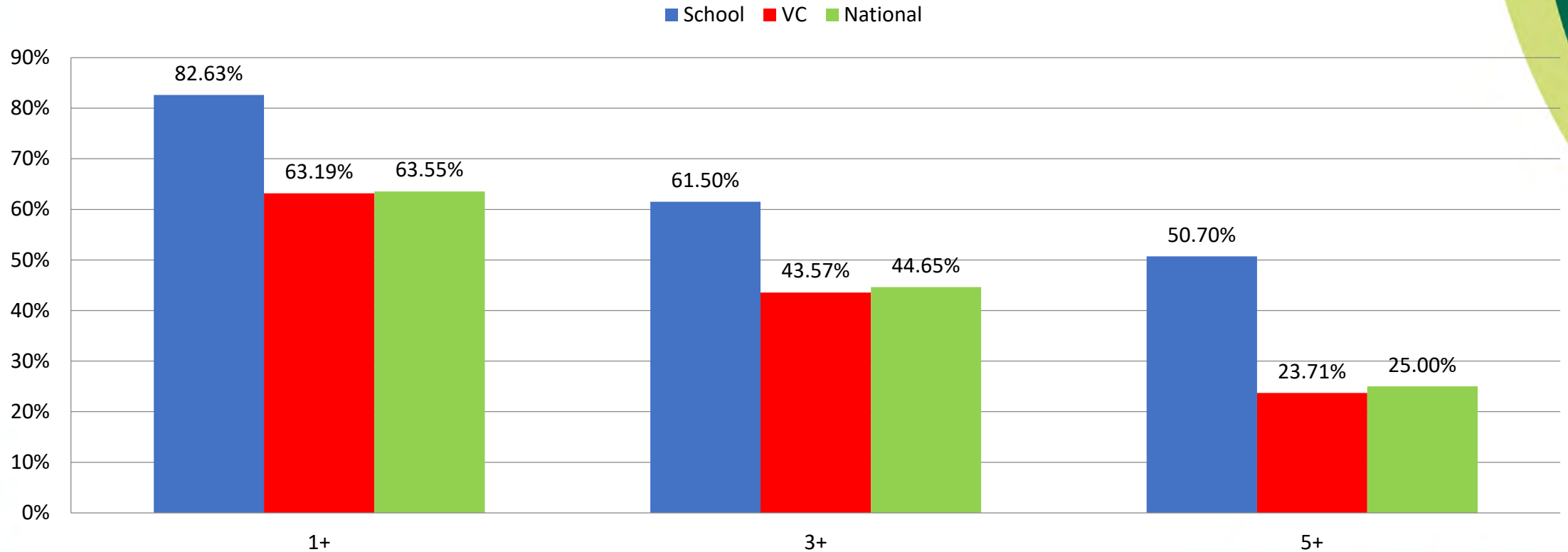
2024 S5 SCQF Armadale Academy

S5 SCQF Level 6 - Armadale Academy versus VC & National



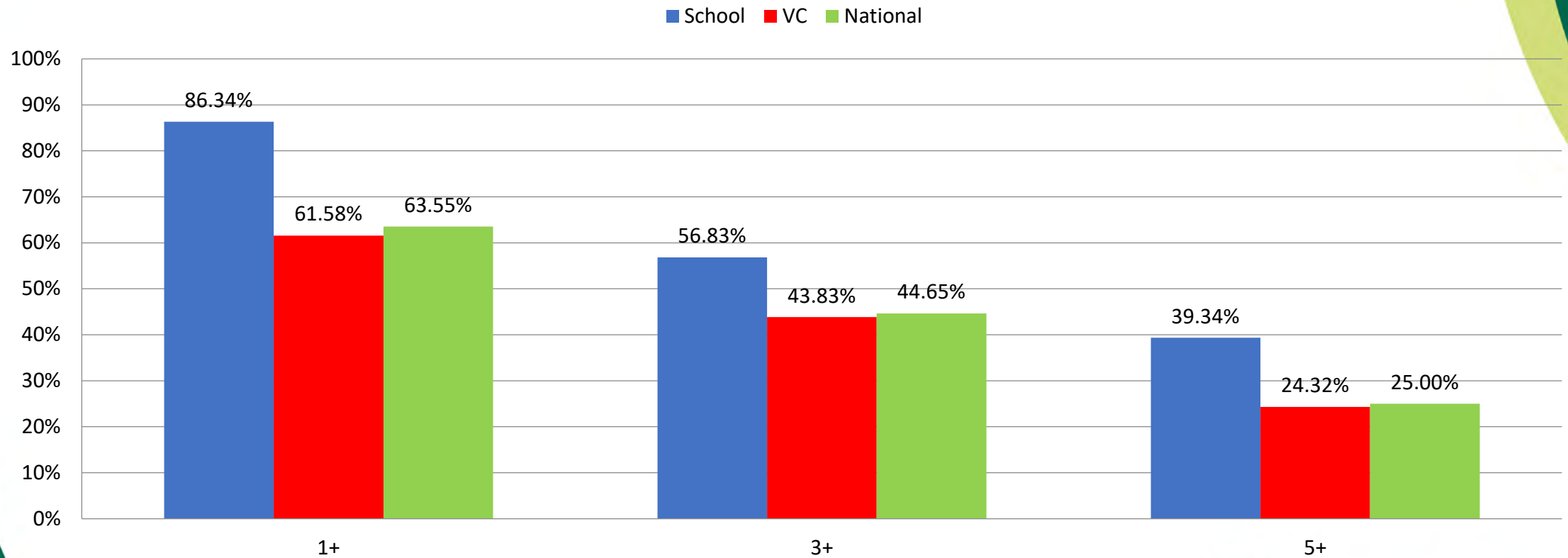
2024 S5 SCQF Bathgate Academy

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2024 S5 SCQF Broxburn Academy

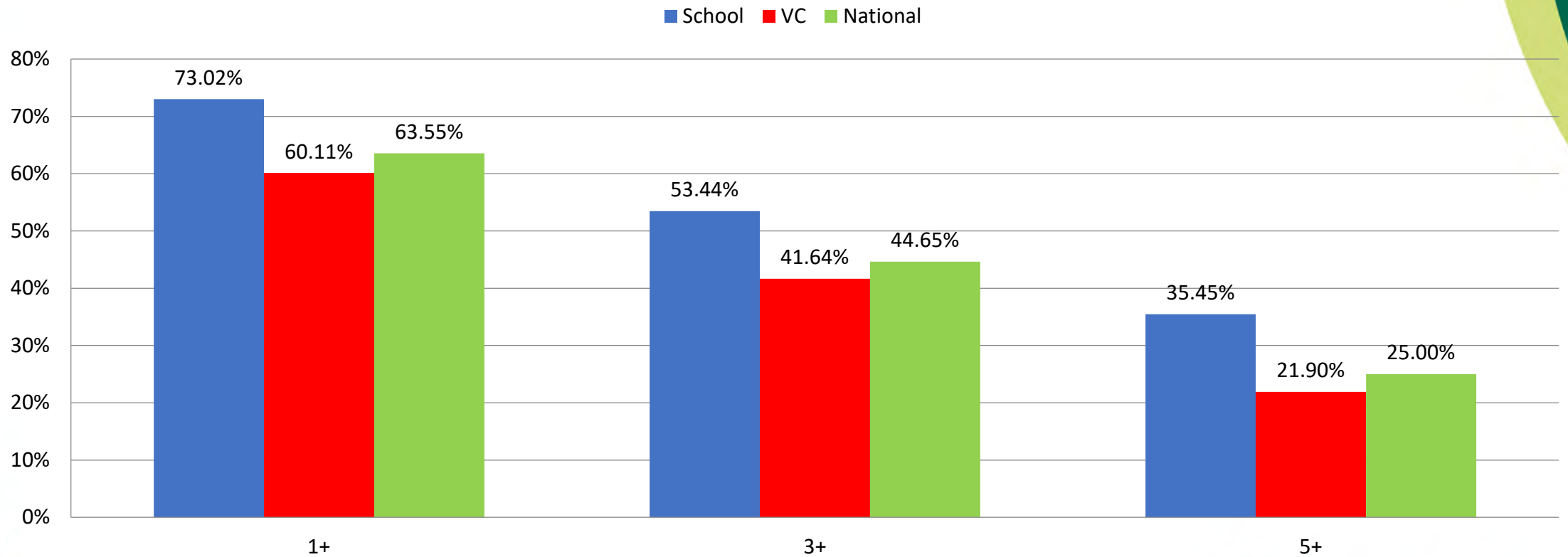
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2024 S5 SCQF

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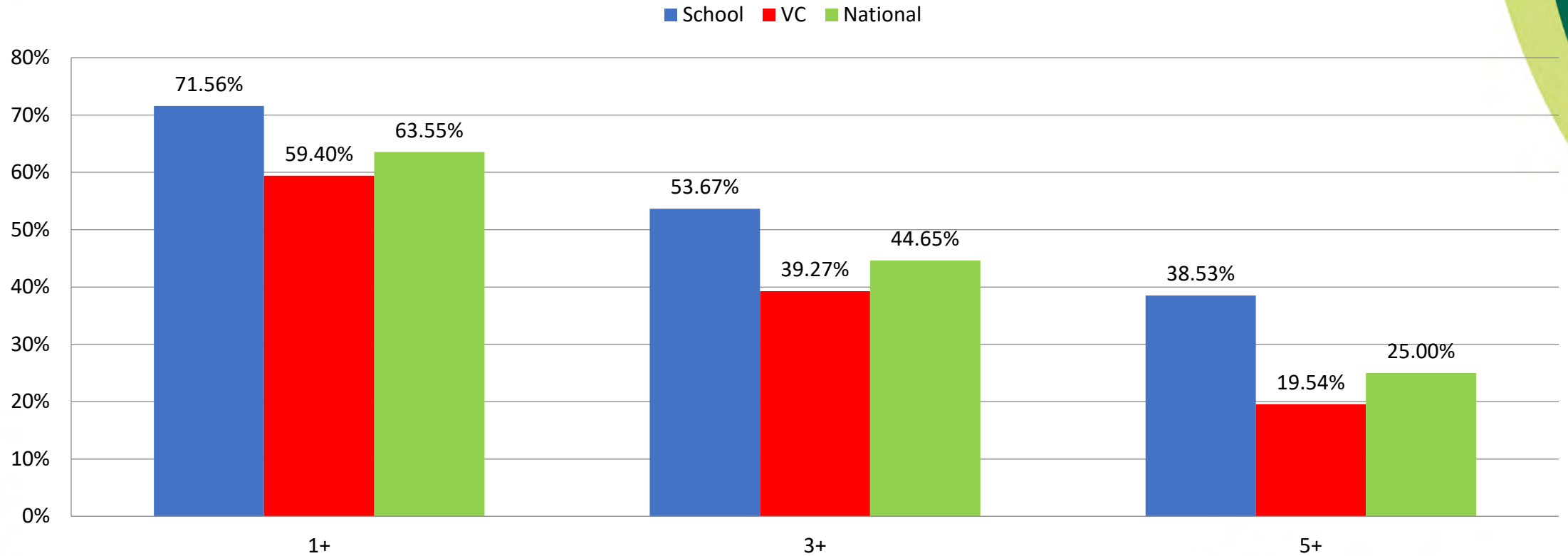
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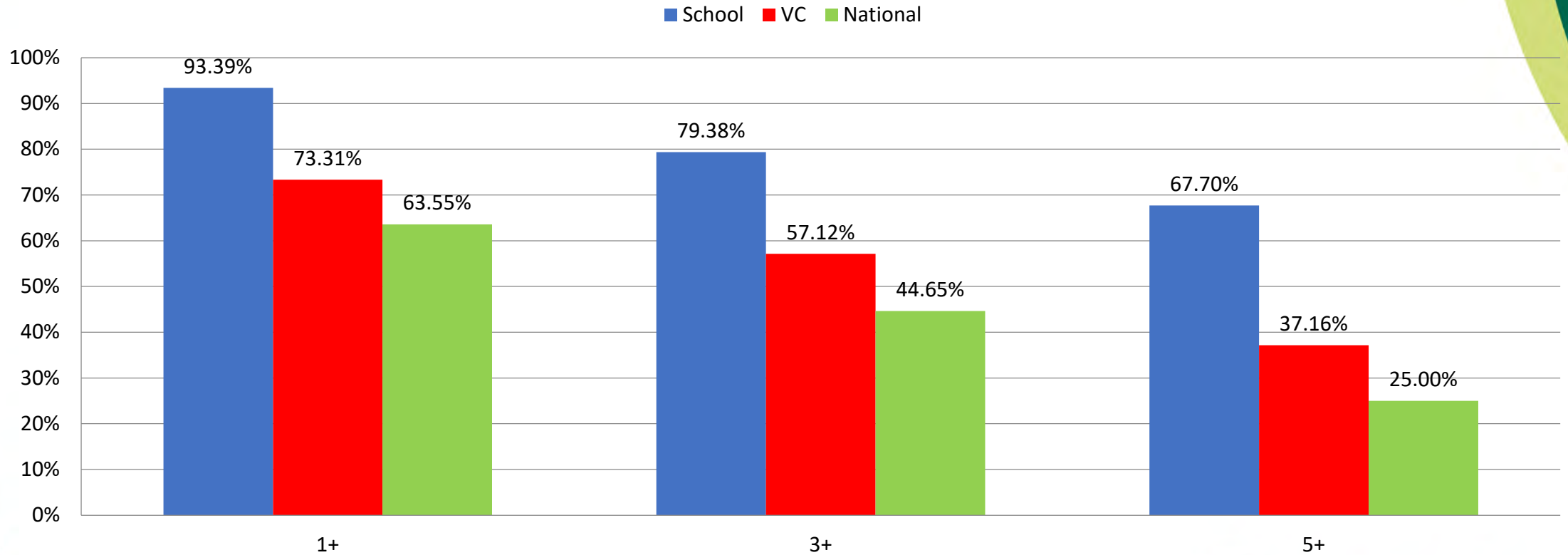
Inveralmond Community High School

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2024 S5 SCQF Linlithgow Academy

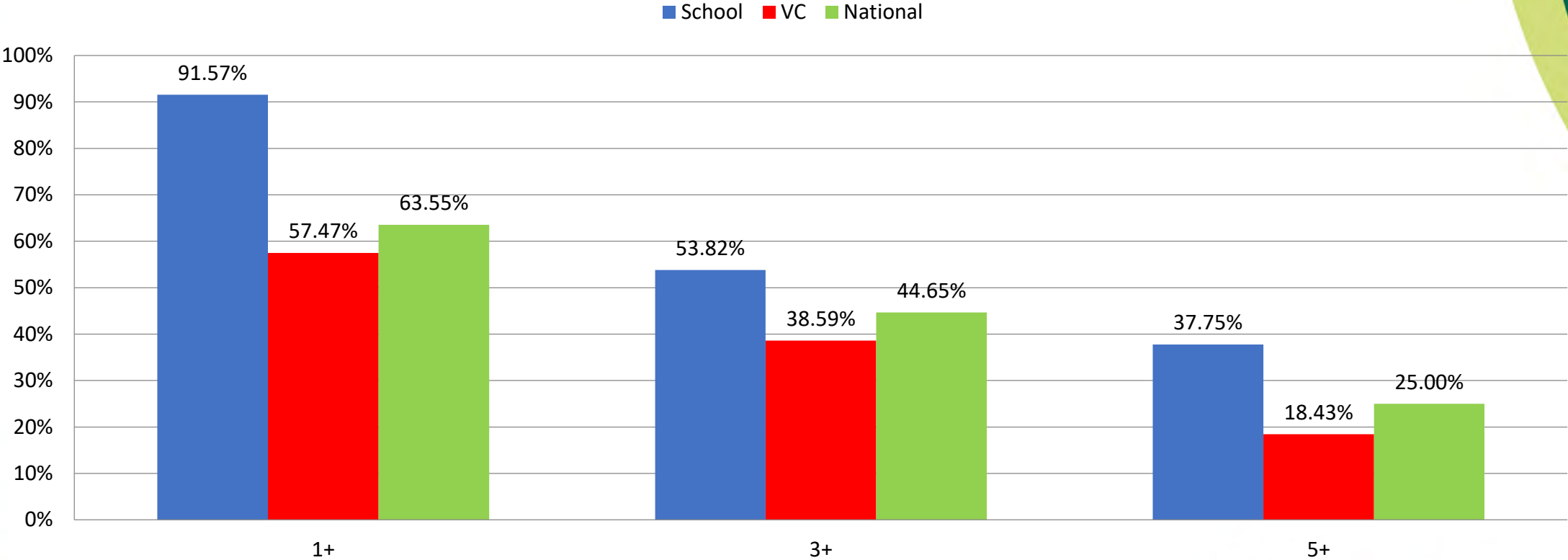
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2024 S5 SCQF

St Kentigern's Academy

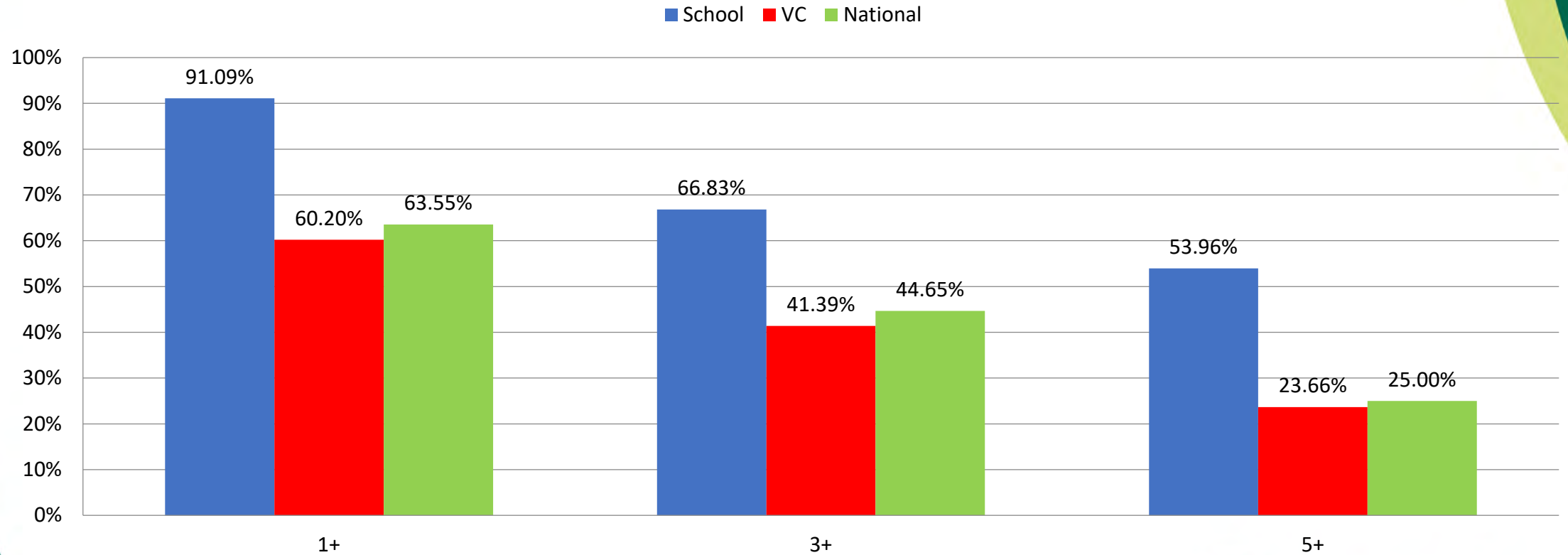
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St Margaret's Academy

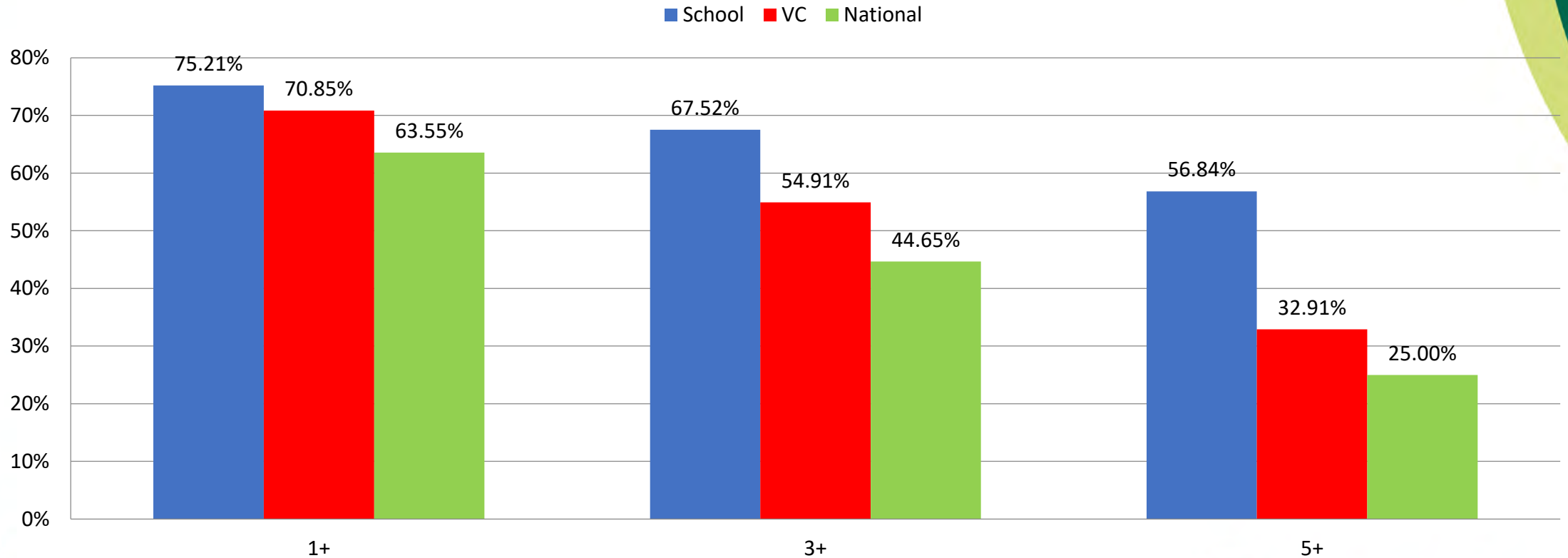
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2024 S5 SCQF

The James Young High School

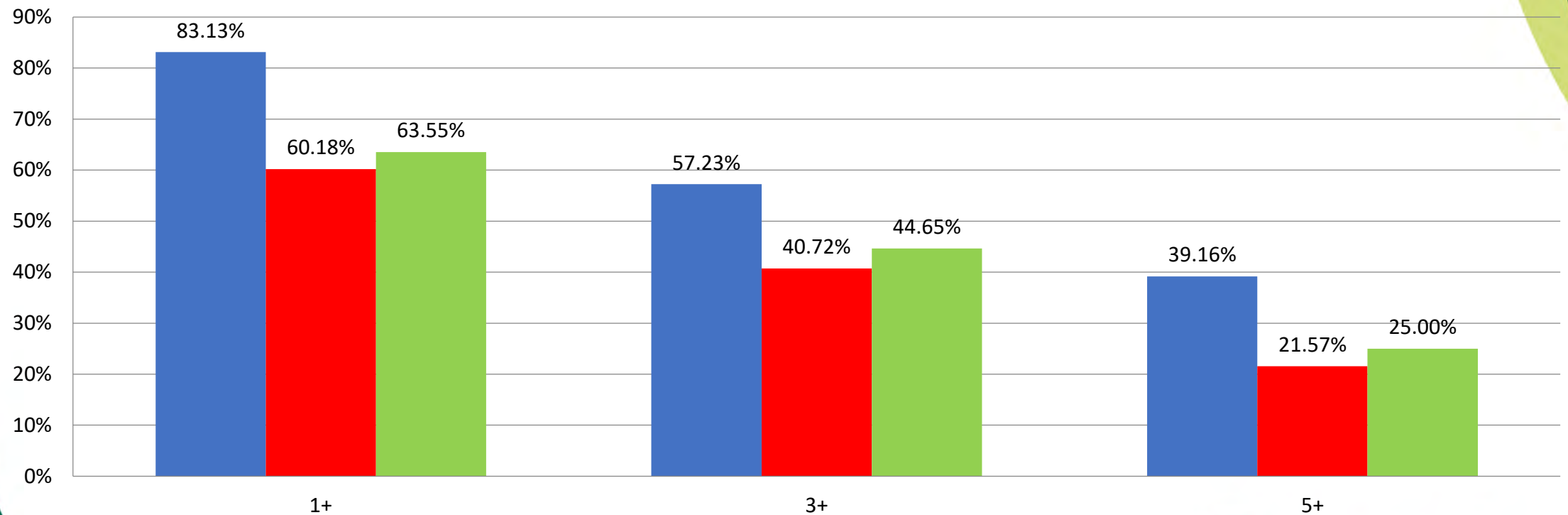
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2024 S5 SCQF West Calder High School

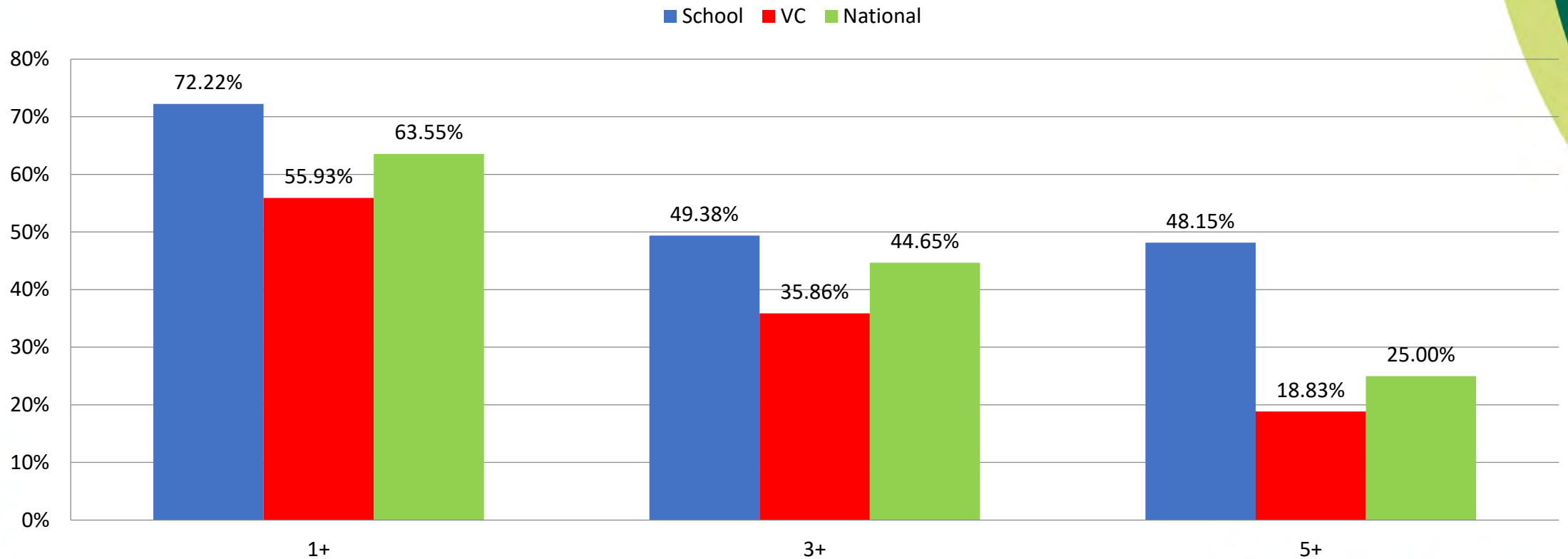
S5 SCQF Level 6 - West Calder High School versus VC & National

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2024 S5 SCQF Whitburn Academy

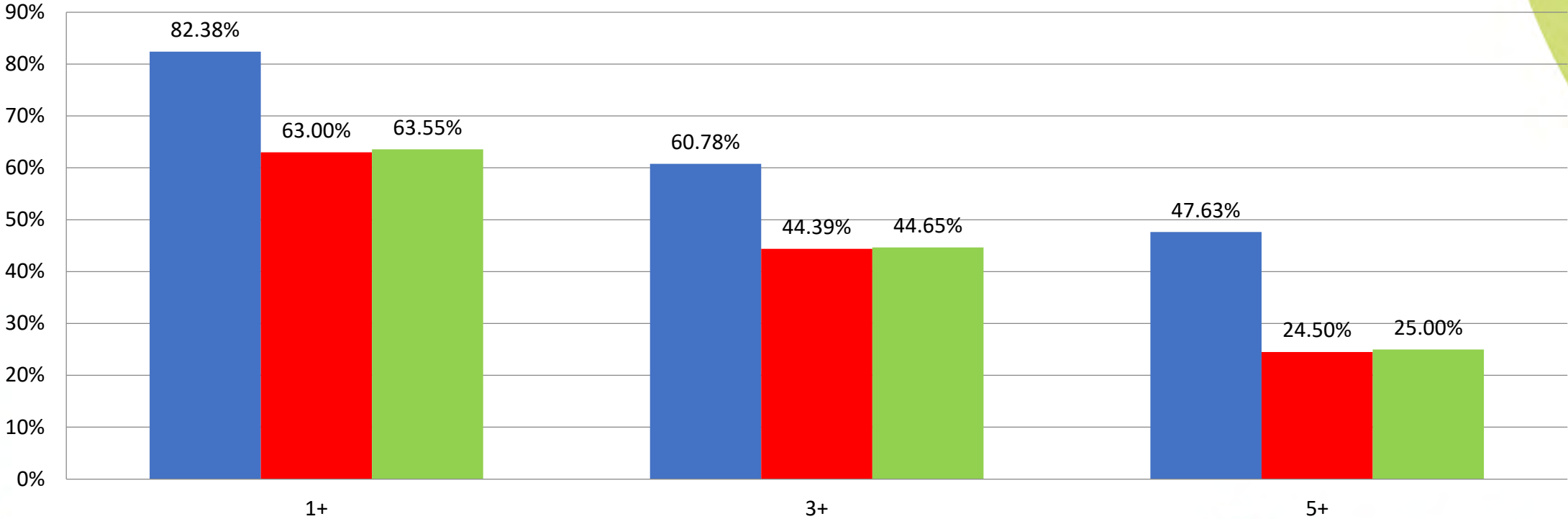
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2024 S5 SCQF West Lothian

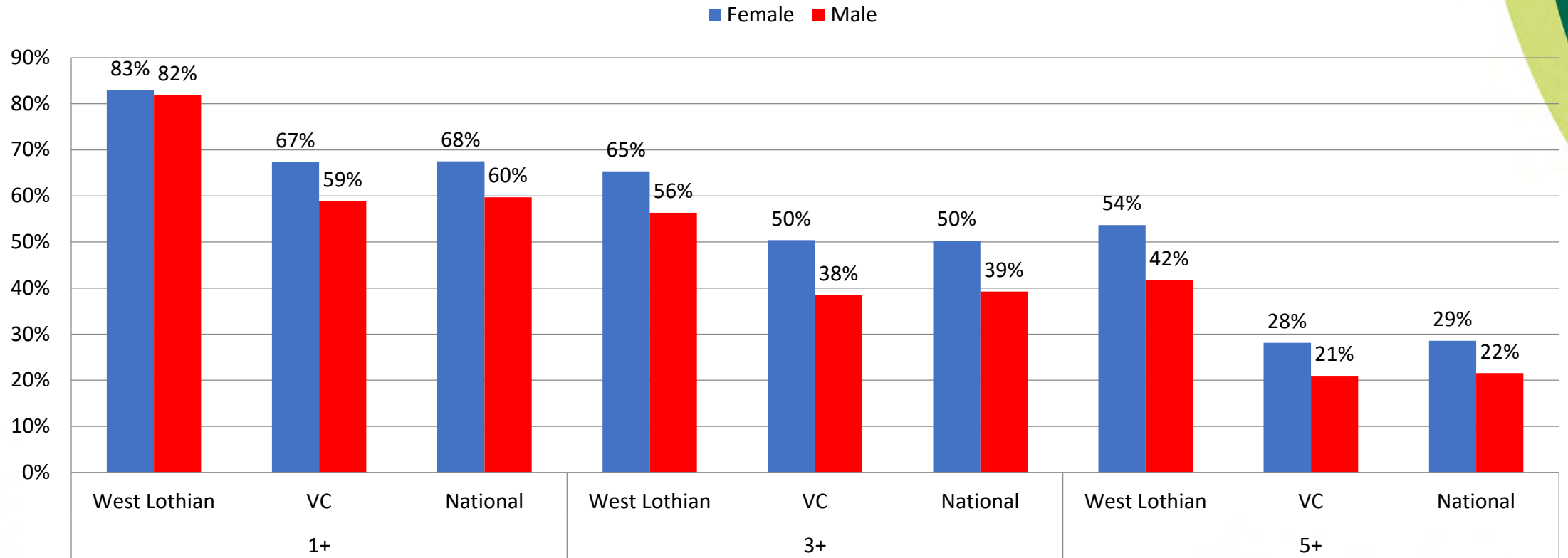
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2024 S5 SCQF WLC Differences by Sex

S5 SCQF Level 6 Breadth & Depth - Differences by Sex



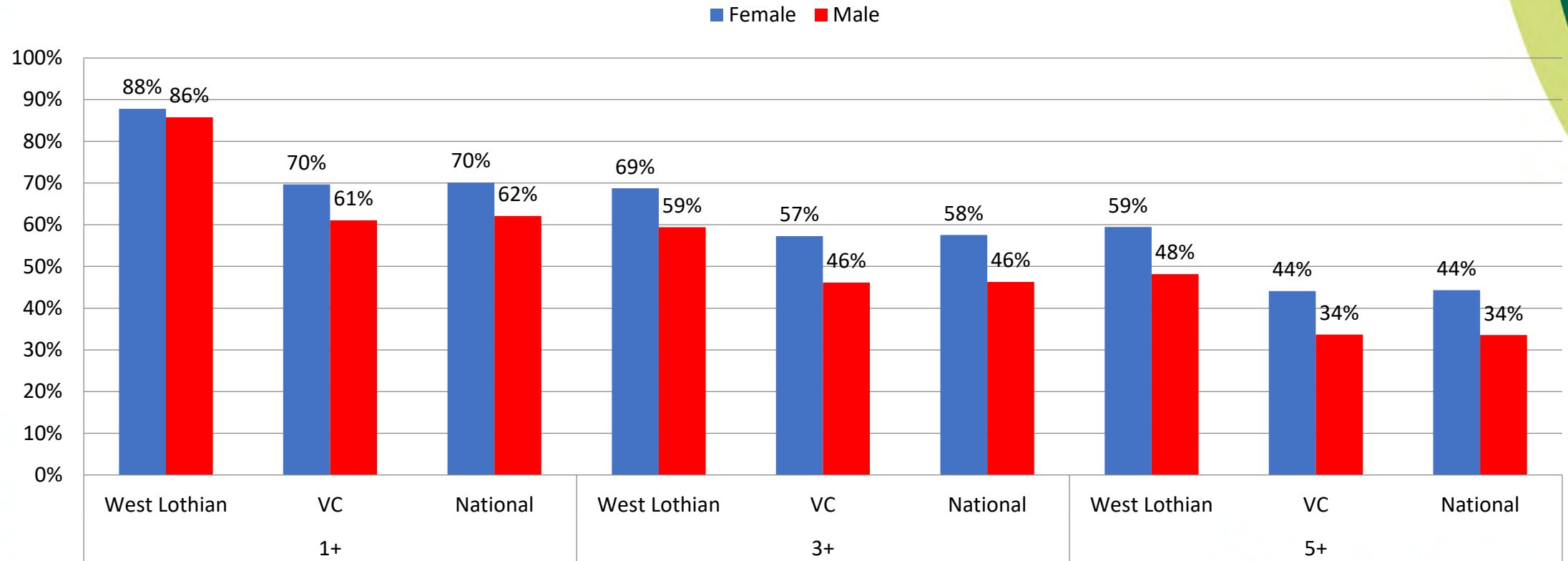
Breadth and Depth Gender Gap (S5)

Level 6 SCQF	2022 Gap	2023 Gap	2024 Gap
1+	4.05 pp	1.95pp	1.1pp
3+	12.67pp	9.96 pp	8.9pp
5+	14.54pp	12.03pp	12.00pp

The gap has reduced year on year

2024 S6 SCQF WLC Differences by Sex

S6 SCQF Level 6 Breadth & Depth - Differences by Sex

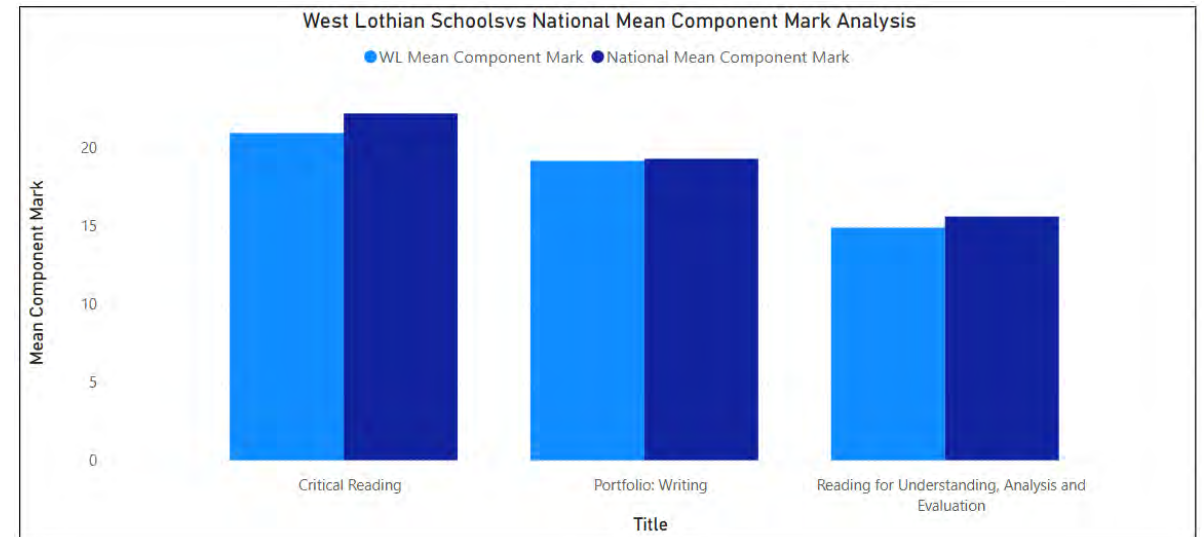
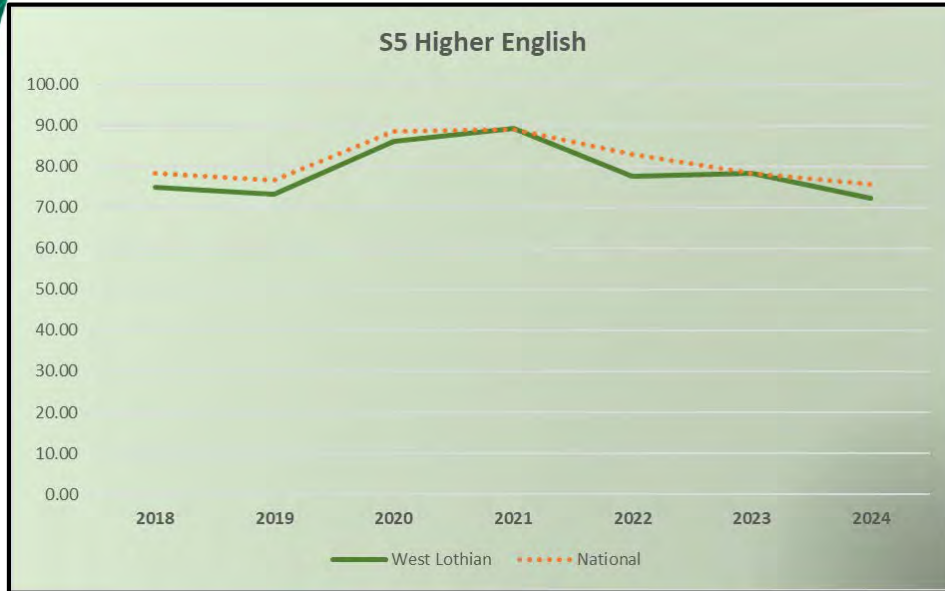


Breadth and Depth Gender Gap (S6)

Level 6 SCQF	2022 Gap	2023 Gap	2024 Gap
1+	8.9pp	3.74pp	2.0pp
3+	12.27pp	11.26pp	9.3pp
5+	16.87pp	13.34pp	11.3pp

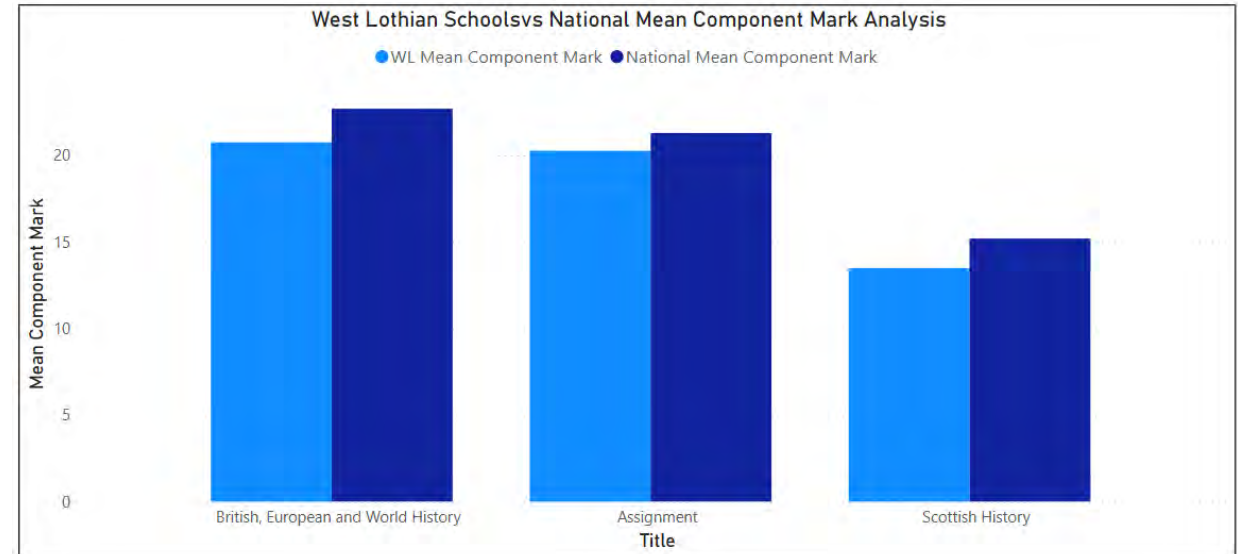
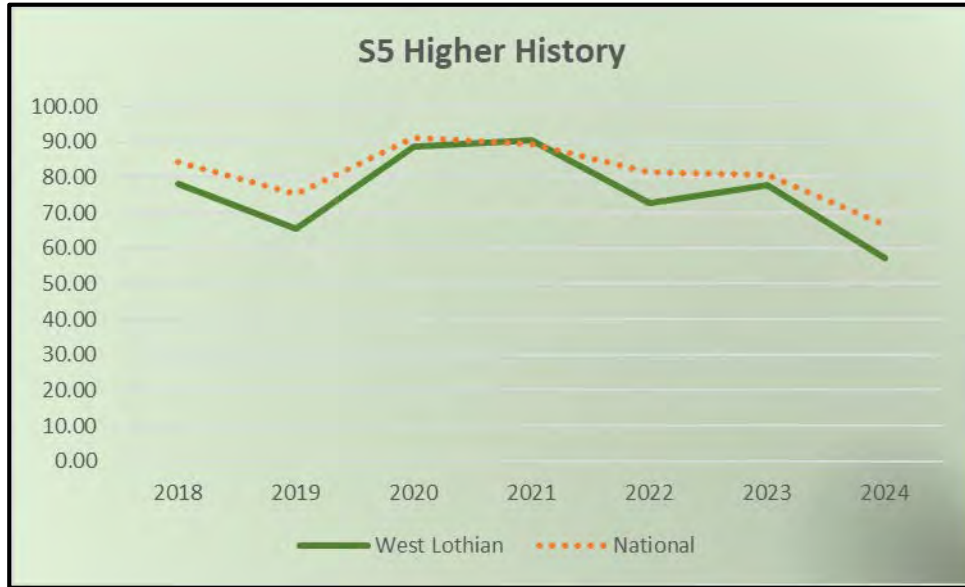
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Higher English



Working within very small margins of difference between the WL Mean Component Mark and the National Mean Component mark – 1.25 for Critical Reading being the biggest difference

Higher History



Working within very small margins of difference between the WL Mean Component Mark and the National Mean Component mark – 1.71 for Scottish History being the biggest difference

Higher English and History

Impact on overall breadth and depth

	Number of pupils who passed		Percentage Point Impact	
	English	History	English	History
Impact on 1+	0 Highers and who sat and failed Higher English in 2024	0 Highers and who sat and failed Higher History in 2024	English	History
	112	18	4.91pp	0.79pp
Impact on 3+	2 Highers and who sat and failed Higher English in 2024	2 Highers and who sat and failed Higher History in 2024	English	History
	58	31	2.54 pp	1.36pp
Impact on 5+	4 Highers and who sat and failed Higher English in 2024	4 Highers and who sat and failed Higher History in 2024	English	History
	14	10	0.61pp	0.44pp

Quality Improvement Cycle

- Data driven
- School and West Lothian targets set
- Individual School Action plans – “quick wins” and long term strategic planning
- Collaboration events
- Continuous feedback, scrutiny and discussion



Examples of Skills for Work Courses in Schools

- Early Education and Childcare
- Health sector
- Laboratory Science
- Retailing
- Travel and Tourism
- Construction
- Barista Skills
- Hairdressing