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Dornoch claims 1/3 of Highland's Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards

DORNOCH Academy achieved remarkable success at this year's Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh.

Of the 30 Highland award winners present, 11 were from Dornoch Academy – a major achievement for a school of its size.

Thanks are due especially to the encouragement and perseverance of youth development officer, Yvonne Ross, who manages the Duke of Edinburgh Awards for the school.

The presentation took place in the gardens of the Palace of Holyroodhouse in the presence of HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex,

who was representing the Awards Scheme. Highland award winners were grouped together and were visited by the Prince, who chatted informally to them about what they had to do to achieve success.

Later, Chief Superintendent Julian Innes, local Police Commander for Highlands & Islands Division, presented the certificates to the Highland contingent.

Chief Superintendent Innes gave a very effective talk on the importance of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, not just in helping to bring out the best in individuals, but also in influencing their future career paths.