

GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE

Learning and Teaching Committee – 16 September 2026

Update on 2026/27 Student Recruitment and Credits

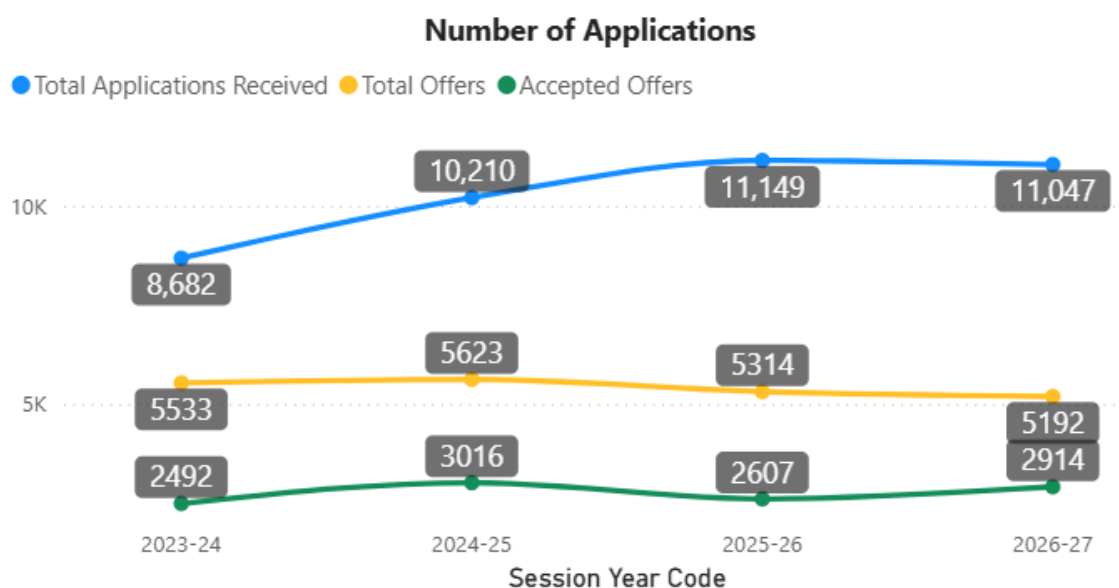
Report by Assistant Principal - Digital and Information Systems

1. Introduction

This report provides an update on student recruitment for the 2026/27 academic year at Glasgow Kelvin College. It is intended for the Learning and Teaching Committee and presents a snapshot of data as of 1 September 2026. The report summarises admissions data, full-time enrolments and associated credits.

2. Student Recruitment

The 2026/27 full-time teaching timetable began on Monday, 24 August 2026. According to previous reports provided to the committee, data indicated that student recruitment was expected to align with both last year's figures and the established target. The total number of applications for 2026/27 was very slightly under than the previous year, while the number of accepted offers increased.



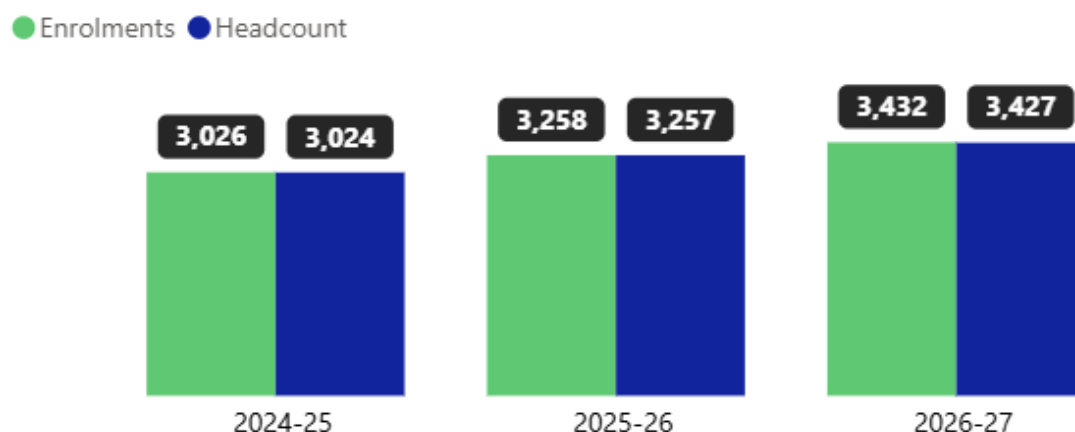
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Figure 1 - Applications received and offers made up to 1 September 2026.

3. Student Enrolment

For courses beginning in August 2026, the College enrolled 3,432 students on full-time programmes. Start of term enrolment figures remain subject to change, as some students enrol but do not attend, while faculties may use reserve lists to restore class numbers. A more accurate enrolment position will emerge after the first few weeks of term. Overall, full-time enrolments for 2026/27 are consistent with historical trends and align with expectations based on thorough monitoring of admissions data.

Enrolment and Headcount



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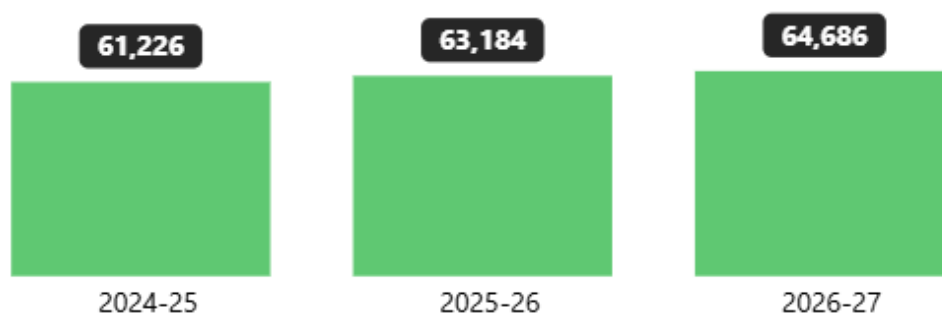
Figure 2 – Enrolment trend for programmes commencing August each year.

4. Credit Delivery

For 2025/26, the College is undergoing an internal audit of credit delivery, so the final credit count may be adjusted. At present, the College has delivered 73,327 credits, which exceeds the target of 71,941 credits.

The credit target for 2026/27 is set at 71,941, which matches the target for 2025/26. Credits for all August 2026 enrolments total 64,686, representing 90% of the target. It is projected that early withdrawals could result in a 5% reduction in credits for August enrolments; however, more comprehensive data for analysis will not be available until October or November. Credits for full-time activity in 2026/27 align with trend data from previous academic years.

Credits by Academic Year



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Figure 2 – Credit delivery of full-time activity for programmes commencing August each year.

5. Resource Implications

College funding levels could be negatively affected if the College does not achieve its credit targets.

6. Impact on students

There are no issues identified that could impact students as a direct result of this report.

7. Equalities

There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

8. Risk and Assurance

There is a risk the College will not achieve its SFC credit delivery target, should student recruitment fall below the target levels. This paper provides early indications that student recruitment is on track.

9. Data Protection

There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report.

10. Environmental and Sustainability

There are no environmental and sustainability implications arising from this report.

11. Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- i Note the most recent student recruitment and credit delivery data.

12. Further Information

Members can obtain additional information on the contents of this report from Jason Quinn, Assistant Principal: Digital and Information Services, jquinn@glasgowkelvin.ac.uk.

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