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Comment on the Programme for Government for 2017/18

Commenting on the Scottish Government's Programme for Government, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland said:

"We welcome the First Ministers' vision for a first-class education system and a modern, dynamic economy for Scotland.

"Colleges are the linchpin upon which the government's ambitions will be realised. Scotland's colleges play a key role in tackling inequality, providing support to a thriving and growing economy through the training of a skilled workforce and the delivery of skills and process innovation. Through our provision, colleges ensure the needs of individuals, their local communities, businesses and the national economy are met.

"The college sector will continue to deliver Modern Apprenticeships, support innovation and entrepreneurialism and train the early years practitioners required to meet the expansion of childcare. Colleges will also support evolving and emerging technologies including manufacturing, carbon capture and storage, and financial technology.

"We look forward to realising the potential of the Scottish economy and continuing to contribute fully to Scotland's economic and social justice strategy."

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