

10 things

you didn't know

about Scotland's colleges

- 1 Colleges have been in existence for almost 150 years; the first college was established in 1865.
- 2 College students will contribute £1.2bn to the Scottish economy by 2020 – the equivalent to 1% of Scottish GDP.
- 3 By the end of the Post-16 education reforms, 25 colleges will have undergone merger.
- 4 The largest college has 139 times as many students as the smallest.
- 5 63% of college students have no qualification on entry.
- 6 The vast majority of Modern Apprenticeship starts are delivered by, or in partnership with, colleges.
- 7 Colleges deliver around 80 million hours of learning each year.
- 8 The oldest learner to enrol in college last year was 85 years of age.
- 9 3,200 students left college last year and articulated directly into a university course.
- 10 Studying an HND course at college can boost an individual's pay by up to 80%.