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**Comment on the CBI/Pearson Education and Skills Survey**

A Colleges Scotland Spokesperson said:

“When it comes to meeting the Scottish Government’s ambitions on inclusive economic growth, it is colleges, sited in our local communities, who are the linchpin upon which success will rest. Colleges across Scotland are looking forward to meeting the intake of students in August, when almost a quarter of a million students will enrol across a wide choice of college courses. Colleges, have well established partnerships with employers enabling students to get the right skills, qualifications and work ethic they need to find a job or to progress on to university.

“Scotland’s colleges are committed to working in partnership with the Scottish Government and employers including through co-design of courses, to deliver high quality skills and in work training, including through the £10m Flexible Workforce Development Fund, to ensure industry is able to recruit and retain talented employees. The ongoing 15-24 Learner Journey Review is focused around ensuring flexible pathways between education and employment, and colleges are working as part of the review to ensure young people and adult returners are able to access skills, education and training at the right time, and in the right place, to secure skilled employment in their chosen area and to reach their full potential.”

**ENDS**

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