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Student Satisfaction Over 90%

Commenting on Audit Scotland's *Scotland's Colleges 2018* report – published today (Thursday) – Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, said:

"There are many positives which are highlighted for the college sector in Scotland and Audit Scotland outlines tangible progress being made by colleges in key areas. We are very pleased to see that student satisfaction has increased to 90.2% and that colleges have exceeded their targets for learning activity by delivering 1,200 full-time equivalent places over and above what was agreed, while attainment and retention levels also remain strong.

"We embrace diversity in the college sector and the report confirms that the proportion of student from ethnic minorities, with care backgrounds, with disabilities, and from deprived areas have all increased.

"The report also notes significant elements of financial uncertainty for colleges, including the ongoing costs of National Bargaining. Colleges are working in partnership with the Scottish Government and Scottish Funding Council to ensure adequate sustainable funding which will enable colleges to continue to deliver benefits for students, employers and the economy."

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Notes:

- The target for college learning activity set by the Scottish Government is 116,269 full-time equivalent places.
- Audit Scotland Report: Scotland's colleges 2018 (http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/report/scotlands-colleges-2018)