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Comment on School Leaver Destinations Report

Commenting on the Scottish Government's Summary Statistics for Attainment and Initial Leaver Destinations, No. 3: 2021 Edition report, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, said:

"It's encouraging to see that the number of school leavers choosing to go into further education has increased to 28%. College is the first choice for many school pupils – young people can clearly see the benefit of hands-on vocational learning and training, with strong routes into a higher level of study and careers.

"Colleges already work in close partnership with schools to deliver courses, most recently offering Foundation Apprenticeships (FAs). With FAs, young people are able to try out different options that they may not have otherwise considered and this is clearly having a positive impact.

"Colleges will continue to provide opportunities for young people to develop skills and gain industry-recognised qualifications that prepare them for the future. This will be particularly important as we emerge from the pandemic and the labour market undoubtedly changes as a result while the economy recovers."

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A copy of the report can be found at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/summary-statistics-attainment-initial-leaver-destinations-no-3-2021-edition/>