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Colleges Scotland's statement on the Wood Commission Final Report

John Henderson, chief executive of Colleges Scotland said: "We welcome Sir Ian Wood's comprehensive report, which recognises the unique and essential role that colleges play in developing Scotland's skills base and assisting our economy.

"Colleges are now best-placed to expand on existing partnerships with employers, schools and other organisations in their own regions. Partnerships across all sectors will help deliver more for young people, from an early age.

"Scottish colleges look forward to working more closely with employers to encourage them to increase the number of Modern Apprenticeships available; ensure courses are relevant to industry and address short, medium and long-term skills gaps the country may be facing.

"Every young person should be encouraged to learn and be supported into employment. This report outlines a strategy for ensuring that vocational opportunities are available to all young people in Scotland.

"We therefore encourage all colleges, schools, local authorities, employers and other key organisations to support the recommendations outlined in the report."

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