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**Colleges Scotland's Comment on the Appointment of the Commissioner for Fair Access**

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“Colleges Scotland welcomes the appointment of Professor Peter Scott as the Commissioner for Fair Access and we look forward to working with him in his new role.

“Colleges play a crucial role in widening access to students from more disadvantaged backgrounds – by delivering both higher education and progression routes into universities for students who wish to do so. However, there is still progress to be made in tackling inequalities in education and we look forward to working with the Commissioner to identify solutions to deliver a more efficient and integrated educational landscape.”

**ENDS**

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