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Dear New College Lanarkshire Board Member,

Colleges Scotland Annual Report 2020-21

I hope this letter finds you well. As the new academic year gets underway, it is important to take a moment to reflect on not only the challenges but also the progress we have made over last 12 months. The pandemic has undoubtedly created enormous challenges for the sector, however, I do believe it has made us stronger, more cohesive, and better at working together collaboratively. It has pushed the boundaries of what we all previously thought was possible in terms of working and teaching remotely, and we have learned so much that we will take with us well into the future.

Colleges Scotland is proud to serve the sector and the contributions we receive from each of our members are instrumental in helping to take forward key sector priorities and support colleges and regional strategic bodies. We have been actively working on your behalf throughout the year and our attached Annual Report highlights just some of our key activities and achievements for 2020/21 in terms of policy, communications, and employment services.

Looking ahead to 2021/22, which will be another busy year for everyone, we will continue to pursue key priorities including sustainable funding for the college sector and responding to the challenges and opportunities within the SFC Review.

Your continued participation and support will be vital to achieving good outcomes for the sector and learners across Scotland in this academic year. Please do not hesitate to contact me (shona.struthers@collegesscotland.ac.uk / 07703 974 675), if you have any questions or would like to discuss the annual report further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shona Struthers' with a horizontal line underneath.

Shona Struthers
Chief Executive

