

Letter from the Principal of Glasgow Clyde College, 15 February 2024

Dear Mr Leonard,

It has been brought to my attention that at the Public Audit Committee held on 11 January 2024 you stated that prior to merger the three legacy colleges (Anniesland, Cardonald & Langside) had 'almost 40,000 students' but since merger Glasgow Clyde College has only '15,000 students'. It was not clear where your source of information has come from but I must advise it is wrong.

Our records show that the three legacy colleges educated circa 20,500 students in the full year prior to merger (2012/13). In 2022/23 Glasgow Clyde College educated circa 18,000 students and that volume has been the same for a number of years. The small decline is due to two factors;

- 1 – changes in Government funding levels and priorities, &
- 2 – after the opening of the new City of Glasgow College campus (circa 2015) at the request of the regional board (GCRB) provision was moved from Glasgow Clyde College and Glasgow Kelvin College to City of Glasgow College.

I would be most grateful if you would correct the record at the earliest opportunity.

Best wishes,

**Jon Vincent**  
Principal and Chief Executive