

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2026-27



Students and staff making the College better together.

The logo for the Glasgow Kelvin College Student Association (GKCSA), with the letters 'G', 'K', 'C', 'S', and 'A' in different colors (pink, yellow, blue, green, and purple respectively) and a stylized font.

**Glasgow Kelvin College
Student Association**



Our Partnership

At Glasgow Kelvin College, students are not simply recipients of education. They are active partners in shaping learning and teaching, student services, our College community and the future direction of the College.

Through this Partnership Agreement, Glasgow Kelvin College and Glasgow Kelvin College Student Association (GKCSA) commit to working together in a culture of trust, respect, openness and shared responsibility. We believe the best student experience is created when students and staff work in partnership - sharing ideas, shaping decisions and working together to make positive change.

Student voice is not just something we listen to. It is an essential part of how we learn, improve and move forward as a college.

What partnership means to us

Partnership means students and staff working towards shared goals while recognising the different experiences, perspectives and responsibilities each brings. It creates meaningful opportunities for students to influence decisions, shape their experience and work alongside staff to make the College better for everyone.



HOW PARTNERSHIP WORKS

Students as Partners

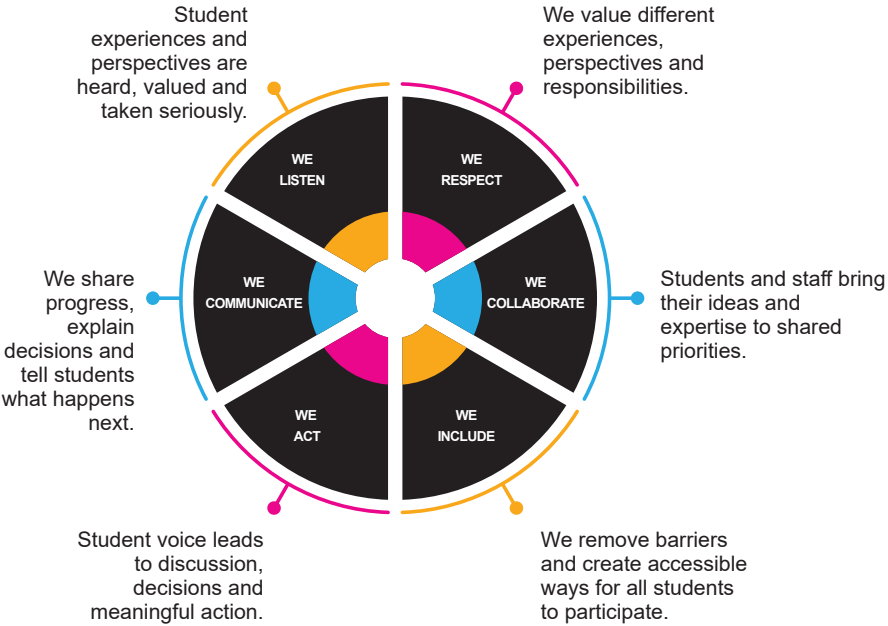
Students and staff bring different experiences, ideas and expertise together to improve our College.



Student voice + staff expertise + working in partnership = meaningful change

Our Partnership Principles

These principles guide how students, GKCSA and College staff work together.



About this Agreement

This agreement sets out how Glasgow Kelvin College and GKCSA will work with students as partners to improve learning, services and the wider student experience during 2026-27.

PART A
How student voice,
participation and
partnership are
embedded across the
College

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PARTNERSHIP

PART B
The shared priorities
and activities the
College and GKCSA
will take forward in
2026-27.

Review and accountability

Part B will be reviewed and agreed each year before the start of the academic session so it can reflect the manifesto commitments of incoming student officers. The agreement will be signed by the GKCSA Presidents and the College Principal at the beginning of each academic year.

This agreement complements other local, regional and national strategies and partnerships. It does not limit other opportunities for students to become involved in shaping and improving their education. Equality impact assessments will be undertaken for any policies arising from this work.

GKCSA aims and objectives

- GKCSA exists to:
- advance the overall student experience of its members;
- provide opportunities for recreation, leisure, intellectual and social activity connected with College life;
- act as a channel of communication between students, the Board of Management and College management;
- pursue matters of interest to its members;
- represent students' views and interests within the College and the wider community; and
- represent students in disciplinary procedures.

Student Voice and Partnership

PART A

Students can shape learning, services and College life in different ways - individually, collectively and through GKCSA.

Ways to have your voice heard



Your experience matters. Your ideas can shape change. We'll tell you what happens

Class Representatives

Each class will have at least one Class Representative. They will gather and share the views of their class with GKCSA and other relevant groups so that issues, ideas and opportunities can be considered and acted on. GKCSA will support Class Representatives through training and opportunities to engage their classmates and strengthen two-way communication and improving their education. Equality impact assessments will be undertaken for any policies arising from this work.

Participation without barriers

The College and GKCSA will encourage fair student representation on internal committees and at Board level. Where possible, the College will remove practical barriers to participation, including timetabling and travel between venues and improving their education. Equality impact assessments will be undertaken for any policies arising from this work.

Students Shaping College Life

Students and staff will work together to shape learning, teaching, programmes, services and the wider life of the College. Students will be involved in meaningful discussion, planning and decision-making, including cross-College collaboration and College and Board committees.

- The College and GKCSA will raise awareness of the Student Association and create more opportunities for students to participate.
- GKCSA will work closely with Class Representatives, providing training and supporting effective communication with their classes.
- The College and GKCSA will actively promote Student Association activities across campuses and the wider College community.
- GKCSA will continue to develop inclusive ways to engage students through Microsoft Teams, MyKelvin, social media and face-to-face activity as part of the College's digital transformation.



Our Partnership Priorities for 2026-27

PART B

Each year, students, GKCSA and the College agree shared priorities where working in partnership can make a positive difference.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Support, connection and positive wellbeing



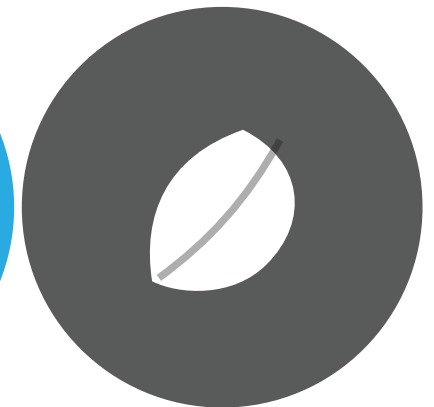
INCLUSIVE LEARNING

Belonging, accessibility and opportunity



COMMUNICATION & STUDENT VOICE

Visible routes to influence and clear follow-up



SUSTAINABILITY

Positive environmental and social action

Health & Wellbeing

Connect. Participate. Feel supported.

Why it matters

Students are more able to participate, connect and succeed when their physical, mental and social wellbeing is supported.

Students will help shape

Students will share their experiences and ideas, help identify wellbeing priorities and contribute to campaigns, communities and peer-led activity.

Together we will

- connect students with the right Student Support Service when support is needed;
- work with the Active Campus Coordinator to promote sport and physical activity that can support mental wellbeing;
- maintain the Student Mental Health Agreement with the Think Positive campaign;
- contribute ideas and initiatives through the Health and Wellbeing Working Group;
- continue to develop and promote welcoming wellbeing spaces across campuses;
- promote healthy lifestyles in ways that recognise the financial pressures students face;
- develop clubs and societies that help students build connections and communities;
- support sporting, positive mental health, equality and sustainability activities across the College; and
- promote peer-led opportunities for students to support one another and strengthen the College community.



WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

Students know where to find support, have opportunities to connect with others and help shape activity that promotes positive health and wellbeing.

Inclusive Learning Environment

Everyone belongs. Everyone can participate.

Why it matters

Every student should feel valued, included and able to participate in learning and College life.

Students will help shape

Students will share what helps or prevents them from participating, inform inclusion activity and help ensure that voices which are less often heard can influence change.

Together we will

- work with academic departments to make facilities and activities accessible for disabled students, including students with neurological conditions;
- work with Student Support Services to connect students with additional resources and support;
- use feedback from Student Support Services to inform inclusion initiatives and campaigns;
- support and participate in Black History Month, 16 Days of Action, LGBTQIA+ Month and activity that raises awareness of and challenges gender-based violence;
- promote mental health resources, counselling, support groups and safe opportunities for students to discuss challenges and develop coping strategies;
- promote guides to internal and external support services;
- promote study-method guidance that helps students develop effective techniques and manage study, work and other commitments; and
- work with academic departments and College services to promote opportunities that develop digital, creative, study and employability skills.



WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

Students from all backgrounds feel welcome, know how to access support and have fair opportunities to participate, develop their skills and succeed.

Communication & Student Voice

Have your say. Shape what happens next.

Why it matters

Students need clear, accessible ways to find information, share views and understand what happens as a result.

Students will help shape

Students will raise issues, share ideas and participate through Class Representatives, the Student Executive Committee, events, digital channels and direct dialogue with staff.

Together we will

- raise the profile of GKCSA across all three campuses so students understand how it can represent their views and help improve the student experience;
- support and promote events, clubs and societies that increase participation beyond the classroom across all three campuses;
- support and promote Meet the Managers sessions so students can speak directly with senior staff, raise issues and share ideas;
- improve the visibility of GKCSA through social media, Microsoft Teams and MyKelvin;
- hold regular meetings with Class Representatives to gather views and suggestions;
- explain how students can contact and engage with GKCSA when they need to;
- hold regular Student Executive Committee meetings, support its members and create opportunities for them to develop meta-skills through their roles;
- work together to provide welcoming student environments and services; and
- regularly tell students what action has been taken in response to their views, demonstrating the difference student voice makes.



WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

Students know how to have their voice heard, can take part in ways that work for them and can see how their views influence discussion, decisions and change.

Sustainability

Everyone belongs. Everyone can participate.

Why it matters

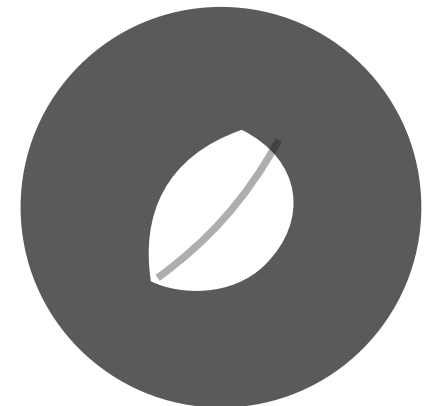
The College and its students can make a positive environmental and social difference now and for future generations.

Students will help shape

Students will bring ideas, participate in projects and campaigns, and help shape practical activity that reflects the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the needs of our communities.

Together we will

- organise, host, promote and support sustainability initiatives, community projects and awareness campaigns;
- encourage students to take part in workshops on waste reduction and energy conservation;
- introduce more recycling facilities to make the College more environmentally friendly; and
- expand the student pantry and fashion swap shop to support students facing cost-of-living pressures while encouraging reuse and recycling. Based in the Student Association office, these will be accessible to students and staff and will offer privacy.



WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

More students can take part in practical environmental and community action, while sustainable initiatives also provide meaningful support with the cost of living.

OUR SHARED PROMISE

Our Partnership Pledge

This agreement sets out how Glasgow Kelvin College and GKCSA will work with students as partners to improve learning, services and the wider student experience during 2026-27.

We believe every student should have the opportunity to be heard, influence decisions and help shape their experience at Glasgow Kelvin College. Together, students, GKCSA and College staff will work to create an inclusive, ambitious and supportive College community where student voice leads to meaningful dialogue, action and positive change.

We will work with openness, trust and mutual respect, recognising the different experiences and perspectives we each bring. We will create opportunities for students to participate, remove barriers to involvement and communicate the difference that student voice makes.

We will respond to issues raised through student voice throughout the year. The College will support GKCSA to represent all students, and GKCSA will use inclusive technology and other approaches so that students have fair opportunities to participate in College life.

Through partnership, shared responsibility and continuous improvement, we will work together so every student has the opportunity to participate, succeed and thrive.

Signed on behalf of our partnership

Principal Glasgow Kelvin College Signature: _____ Date: _____	President GKCSA Signature: _____ Date: _____	President GKCSA Signature: _____ Date: _____
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