

## GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE

Learning and Teaching Committee – 06 May 2026

### 2026/27 Admissions Update

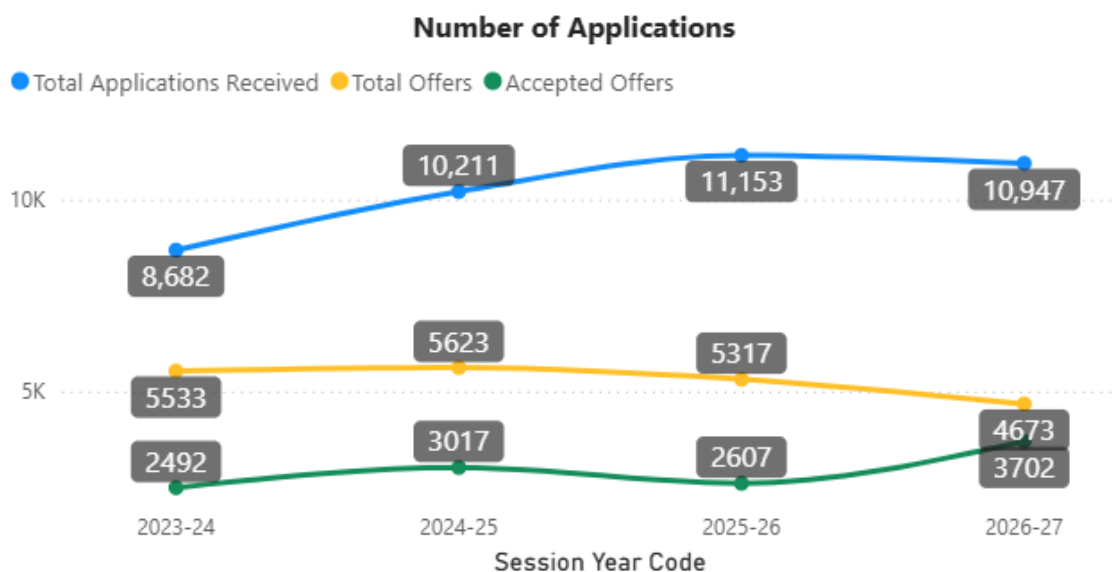
Report by Assistant Principal, Digital and Information Services

#### 1. Introduction

This report provides an update on student recruitment for the 2026/27 academic year at Glasgow Kelvin College. It presents the most recent admissions position, including the volume of applications received, offers issued and early indications of applicant conversion. The report also provides a comparative view against the same point in the admissions cycle for the previous three academic years.

#### 2. Recruitment Update

As at 28 April 2026, the College has received a total of 10,947 applications, resulting in 4,673 course offers issued to date. This reflects a position broadly in line with prior years when viewed at the same stage of the admissions cycle.



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Figure 1 - Applications received and offers made up to 28 April 2026.

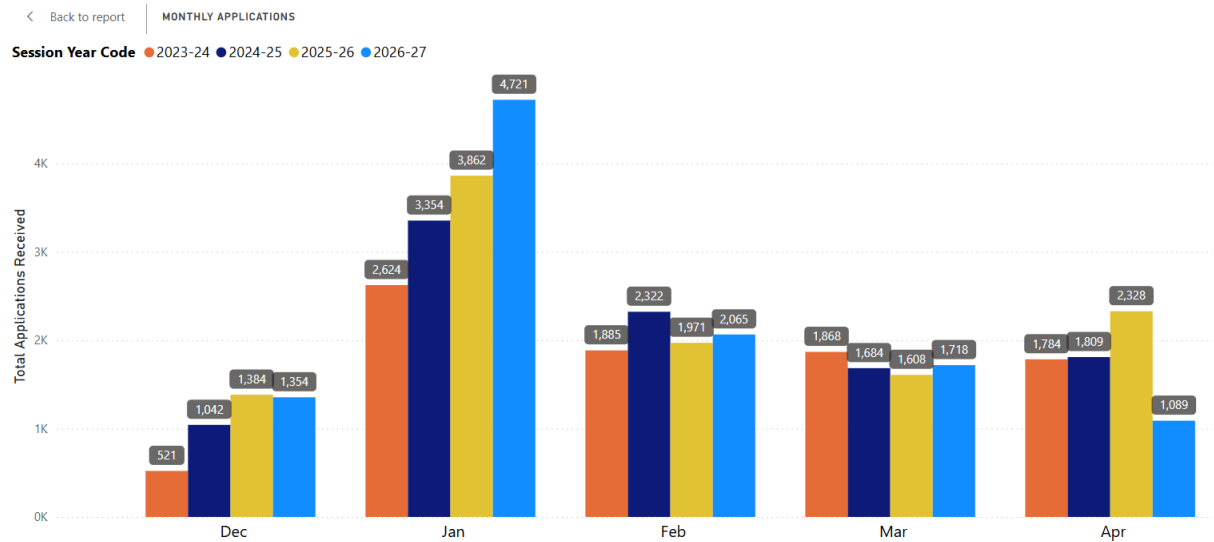
Academic Year (to 31 January)	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Applications	8,682	10,211	11,153	10,947
Offers	5,533	5,623	5,317	4,673

Comparing the four academic years at that same point in the admissions cycle, it shows:

- Demand remains high for courses. Applications for 26/27 are down 2% on last year, however ESOL applications accounted for 1,369 applications in April 2025, for 26/27 ESOL applications have been delayed until June.
- Offers are lower to date for 26/27 as we are mid-cycle, with 4,673 offers issued so far. Based on trends from previous years, we expect offers to further increase in line with 25/26 levels.
- Early conversion rates of offers that are being accepted by applicants is strong. Accepted offers to date are 3,702, representing 34% of applications. Offers for both FE and HE courses are consistent with last year.

Demand for 2026/27 provision is spread across the wider curriculum, with healthy application numbers reported in most subject areas. On average, there are 2.5 applications for every available place across the College. The strongest demand continues to be seen in construction, health care, automotive, social care and science provision, where application ratios exceed 3.5 applicants per available place.

Analysis of monthly application trends shows a pattern consistent with previous years. January continued to be the peak month for applications, followed by a return to expected trend levels in February and March. Application volumes in April appear lower than the previous year however, this is largely explained by the planned delay to the launch of ESOL applications and does not indicate a reduction in underlying demand



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Figure 2 – Application volumes by month, comparing a four year trend.

Overall, 2026/27 student recruitment shows signs to suggest the campaign will deliver the target enrolments for next session.

### **3. Resource Implications**

College funding levels could be negatively affected if the College does not achieve its recruitment and admissions targets.

### **4. Impact on students**

There are no issues identified that could impact students as a direct result of this report.

### **5. Equalities**

There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

### **6. Risk and Assurance**

There is a risk the College will not achieve its SFC Credit delivery target, should student recruitment fall below the target levels. This paper provides early indications that student recruitment is on track.

### **7. Data Protection**

There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report.

### **8. Environmental and Sustainability**

There are no environmental and sustainability implications arising from this report.

### **9. Recommendations**

Members are recommended to:

- i Note the most recent admissions data.

### **10. Further Information**

Members can obtain additional information on the contents of this report from Jason Quinn, Assistant Principal, Digital and Information Services, [jquinn@glasgowkelvin.ac.uk](mailto:jquinn@glasgowkelvin.ac.uk).

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