

Building on Success

Annual Report 2008



South
Lanarkshire
College
East Kilbride



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2008 was a fantastic year for South Lanarkshire College. In February we moved into our iconic new building in East Kilbride, a £34 million project, delivered under budget. Staff and student feedback has been extremely positive and student achievement continues to be very strong. Overall attainment rates remain extremely high with 93% of students achieving employment or continuing their studies.

I would like to thank the Board of Management for giving so freely of their time and to express my thanks and appreciation to all the staff of the college for their commitment and enthusiasm, supporting high student attainment and enabling the migration to the new campus to be as smooth and successful as possible.

Chairman of the Board
Ian A Macpherson MBE KCT CstJ JP

South Lanarkshire College moved to its iconic new campus close to East Kilbride town centre in February 2008.





At South Lanarkshire College we are proud of the high success rates of our students. We are proud of the skills-focused education our students engage in, and we are proud of the high-economic-value education and training we provide. We enable students to get good jobs and in turn contribute positively to the economic well-being of Scotland. This is increasingly important for individuals and the economy as the economic climate becomes more and more challenging.



South Lanarkshire College is viewed increasingly by students and prospective students as an extremely attractive College to be part of. We are currently experiencing record levels of demand. For every place available, we have three well-qualified applicants. In some Construction programmes we have five students competing actively for every place.

We managed very tightly the phased move to our new building and were very pleased that the project was achieved under budget. In 2008 more than 40 international students began with us at the college studying in the new campus in East Kilbride. This is a record number. They come from as far away as China and India.

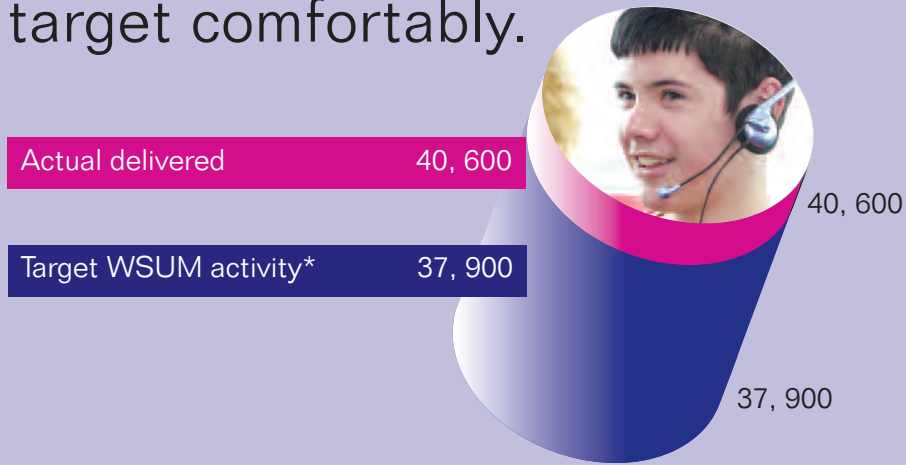
Next year, students from community colleges across America will be able to come to South Lanarkshire College to study as part of their Community College Degree and detailed arrangements are being put in place to support that initiative. The college is also developing its links in Asia, particularly Singapore and Malaysia with a view to encouraging students to come and study in Scotland.

In parallel with these developments, the college is also expanding the range of commercial courses on offer in Construction, Care and Business.

We will continue to change, develop, adapt, improve and enhance what we do, maintaining our focus on preparing learners well for the future by developing their skills, knowledge and understanding in a high-quality learning environment.

College Principal
Stewart McKillop MA(Hons) Dip Acc Dip Ed

Each year the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) agrees a target level of activity with the college. The target for 2007-08 was to deliver 37,900 Weighted Student Units of Measurement (WSUMs). The college exceeded this target comfortably.



The college receives additional WSUM activity through fundable strategic growth funds and actively pursues alternative funding avenues to try to address some of the unmet demand for education and training in and around East Kilbride, the sixth largest conurbation in Scotland.

“we believe in providing education and training of a high economic value”

Enrolments

Student enrolments in 2007-08 were distributed as follows



Each year we collect, monitor and analyse data on student enrolment and achievement to demonstrate our commitment to promote equality and diversity

Table 1 below, contains data for South Lanarkshire College.

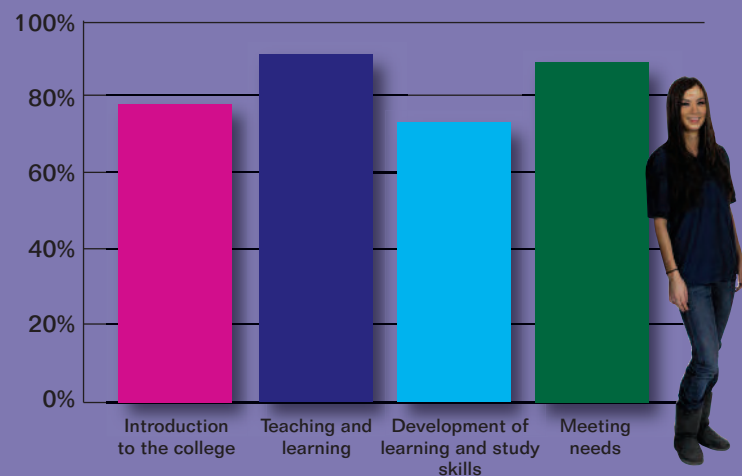
TABLE 1: Enrolment and achievement in South Lanarkshire College, by ethnic group.

	Group	% of total enrolments	completed programme	achieved programme
White	Scottish	94%	83%	96%
	English	2%	79%	94%
	Welsh	<1%	75%	100%
	Irish	<1%	82%	100%
	Other white	1%	94%	99%
Mixed	Mixed	<1%	100%	100%
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	Indian	1%	70%	100%
	Pakistani	<1%	83%	100%
	Bangladeshi	<1%	100%	100%
	Chinese	1%	100%	87%
	Other Asian	<1%	67%	100%
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	African	<1%	67%	100%
Other ethnic background	Other Ethnic Background	<1%	67%	100%
	Info refused	<1%	100%	100%



We regularly survey our students to find out what their perceptions are. We discuss the findings at our Academic Board and use these findings to inform our quality improvement processes.

The graphs and tables provide a summary of feedback from our students.



We use various approaches to capture the views of students. This includes the use of focus groups, course team feedback and electronic questionnaires. We ask students to comment on their learning, teaching, advice and support, opportunities at the end of their course, facilities and equipment. We act on feedback in order to further enhance the learner experience.

“We believe that listening and acting on feedback is important”

Examples of student success

“SVQ 3 Professional Cookery student Amy Toner experienced a once in a lifetime trip to Johnson and Wales in the USA when she won the Masterchefs of Great Britain Training Diploma award during a prestigious ceremony which took place in London.”

“70 year old Billy Clark became South Lanarkshire College's oldest student to complete a European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) Course.”

“Martin Quinn (18), Construction Apprentice of the Year, won The Frank Eaton Memorial Trophy for demonstrating outstanding performance and attitude at SkillBuild, Britain's biggest national skills competition. He also scooped the Gold award in the roof slating & tiling section.”

“Gary Riley (19) achieved the Bronze award in the roof slating & tiling section at Skillbuild and Scott Wright (17) scooped the Bronze award in the plastering section.”

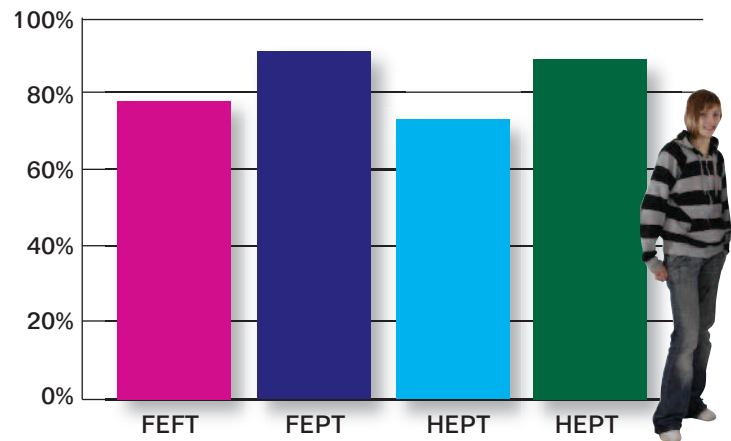
“Scott Beaddie and Richard Stewart took first and second place in the craft section of the regional Skillbuild competition for brickwork. “

“Andrew Whitelaw (18) of Whitehills, East Kilbride was a member of the Scottish Junior Culinary Team who won gold medals in the World Junior Grand Prix. He also went on to receive a silver medal for a timed task to prepare and cook a meal within 30 minutes.”

The college was delighted to win the SQA-sponsored award for Professional Learning and Enhancement for our project “Keep taking the tablets” at Scotland's Colleges Annual Awards 2008. The well-embedded project, led by Curriculum Manager, James Martin and piloted by Alan Shearer and David McLaren provided a portable electronic solution to SVQ assessment and guidance recording, considerably reducing paper documentation and removing the need for cumbersome paper-based portfolios of work. “we believe in providing skills-focused education and training”

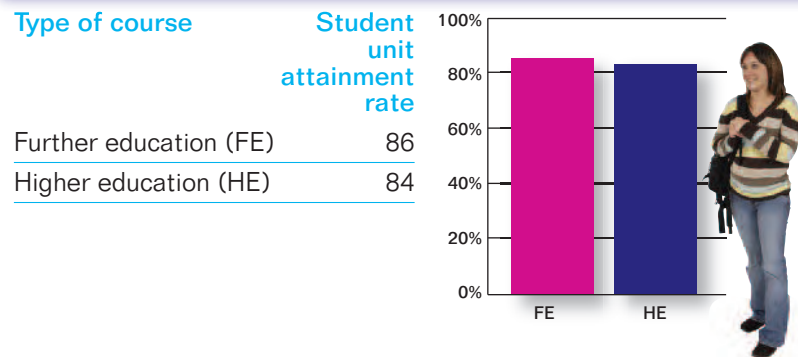
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Unit retention rates

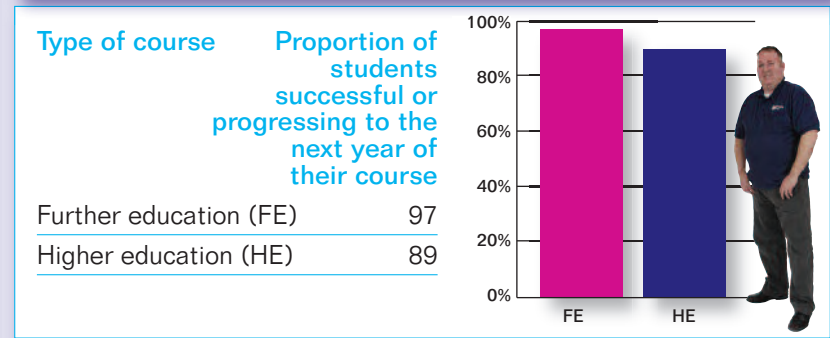


Type of course	Student retention at the end of course(%)
Further education full-time (FEFT)	79
Further education part-time (FEPT)	92
Higher education full-time (HEFT)	74
Higher education part-time (HEPT)	90

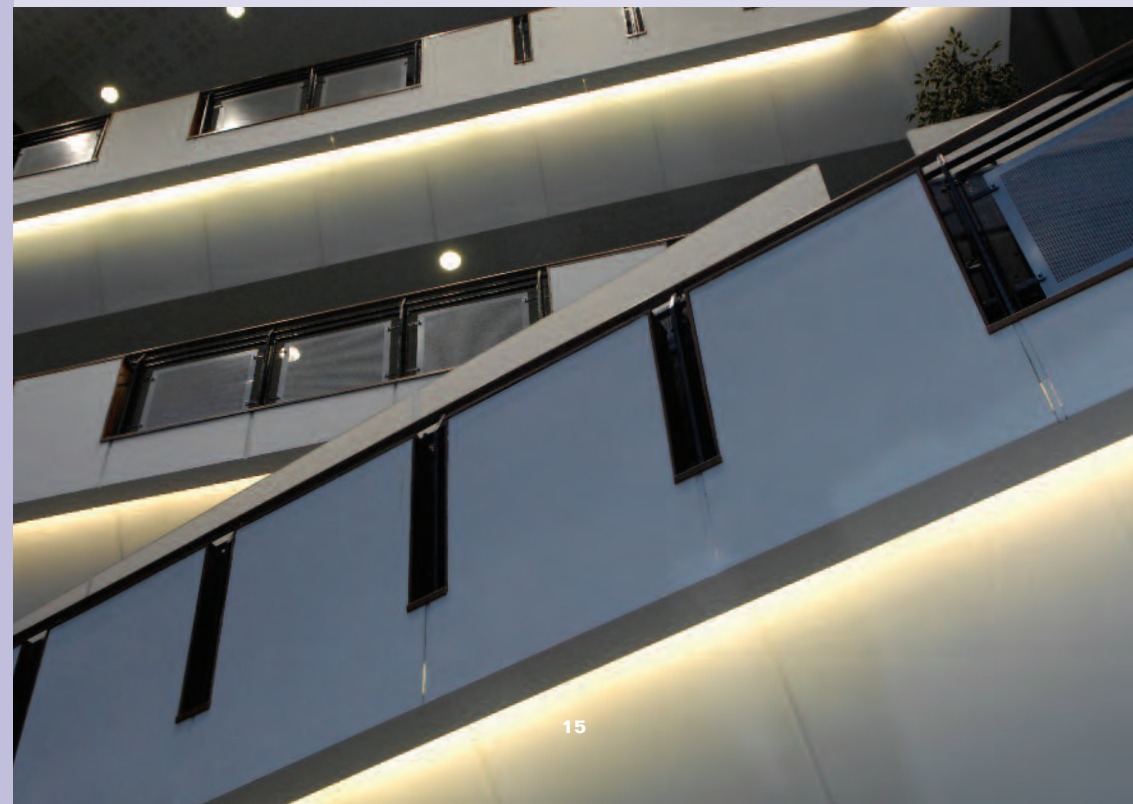
Unit attainment rates



Student outcomes



“We are committed to supporting high personal achievement”





INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31st July 2008

	Year ended 31st July 2008 £000	Year ended 1st July 2007 £000
Income		
SFC Grants	9,007	7,048
Tuition Fees and Education Contracts	1,817	1,618
Other Income	771	951
Total Income	11,595	9,617
Expenditure		
Staff Costs	7,823	7,080
Other Expenditure	3,693	2,260
Total Expenditure	11,516	9,340
Historical cost surplus for the period	79	277

BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 31st July 2008

Fixed Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets	31,767	24,414
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	598	(5,641)
Creditors > 1 year	(2,187)	0
Provisions	(554)	(491)
Pension (Liability) / Reserve	(77)	337
Net Assets	29,547	18,619
Deferred Capital Grants	28,241	10,353
Revaluation Reserve	0	6,420
Restricted and Designated Funds	0	466
Pension (Liability) / Reserve	(77)	337
Income and Expenditure Account	1,383	1,043
	29,547	18,619

“I really like the new building”

“I have progressed and learned a lot”

“I love my course”

“The facilities are great”

“I have grown more confident and responsible”



“People in the college are very approachable and helpful”

“College facilities have improved vastly, easier computer access and better food quality”

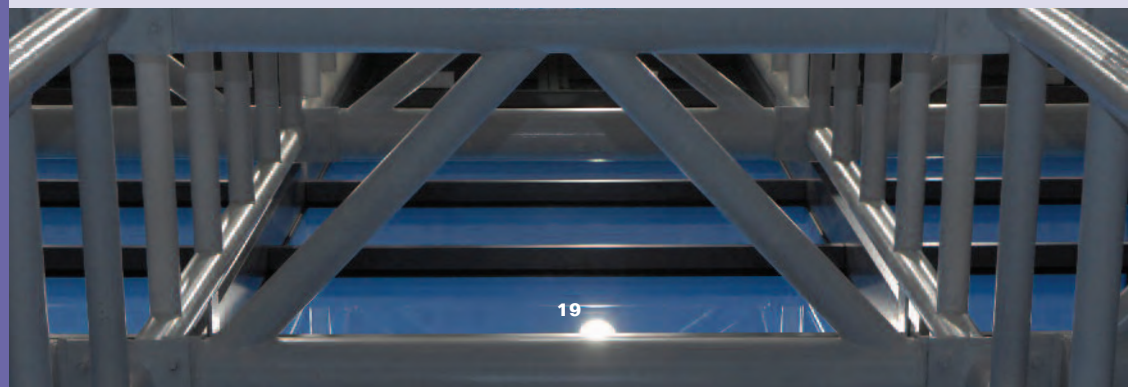
“Excellent resources for learning”

“I want to learn more”

Board members 2007-08

Mr I Macpherson	(Chairman) East Kilbride Chamber of Commerce
Mr H McCafferty	(Vice Chairman) Construction Skills Scotland
Mr S McKillop	College Principal
Mr W Govan	Chartered Secretary
Ms J McCartney	NHS 24
Ms J Heraghty	Scottish Power
Mrs J Evans	Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire
Mr A Dewar	Ferguson Dewar LLP, Solicitors and Notaries
Mr J Gordon	E-learning consultant
Mr J McConville	Support staff representative
Mr A Moyes	Lecturing staff representative
Ms D Burnett	Routes to Work South
Mr J Gallacher	United Group Services (Europe) Limited
Mr T Matthews	TA Matthews Associates
Mr K Quayle	Student representative

(from Sept. 2007 to June 2008)





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