

NEWS FROM FORTH VALLEY COLLEGE

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For immediate Use

Update on Alloa Campus:

- Forth Valley College's Senior Management Team continues to actively engage with the Scottish Funding Council (SFC), key partners, and several Members of Parliament in relation to our Alloa Campus including the Cabinet Secretary for Education, the Minister for Further and Higher Education.
- The College has also received confirmation of support from the Scottish Government and SFC to undertake a feasibility study to look at the options open to Forth Valley College as part of wider infrastructure investment planning.
- The College continues to actively explore options for the future of the Alloa Campus. While discussions are ongoing, the College cannot share further details at this stage.
- It is anticipated that at the earliest, the Board will discuss the options surrounding the Alloa Campus fully in the New Year.

Principal Kenny MacInnes, said: "We recognise that this period of uncertainty is incredibly difficult for our staff, students, and the wider Alloa community. However, their concerns are being heard, and we remain committed to offering support, answering their questions, and listening to their views throughout this process.

"We have also started recruiting for our 2026/27 courses, and although I do appreciate that there is uncertainty as to the future, I would reiterate that no decision has been taken yet on the Alloa Campus, and we are continuing to support applicants to apply for courses within Alloa. We have issued guidance to support staff as to how they respond to gueries related to Alloa course applications.

"I also want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone – staff, students, stakeholders, and our trade union colleagues – for their continued engagement and solidarity. Your collective voice and support are truly valued. These are undoubtedly challenging times, but by standing together, we can work towards a positive and sustainable future.

"My Senior Management Team and I and the Board of Management, are fully committed to finding the best possible way forward in what is an incredibly difficult situation."

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Notes to Editors:

What would be the impact on staff?

In the event of closure, there would be a small number of staff directly affected (11). However, most staff members at the College operate across all campuses.

What would be the impact on students?

Course delivery for current students is confirmed until June 2026. In the event of the campus closing, students would be given every opportunity to complete their qualification.

What is the number of active students currently attending the Alloa Campus? The 461 students who are enrolled at the Alloa campus across a range of attendance modes include Full-time (302), Day Release (25) and School College Partnership (134).

What subject areas are currently delivered at FVC Alloa Campus?

Subject areas include Early Education and Childcare, Health and Social Care, A range of Access Courses (Lifestart, Workstart etc), ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), School College Partnership courses, Beauty and Nail Services, Hairdressing, Construction (Brickwork, Plumbing, Joinery), and Electrical Installation.

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Forth Valley College is made up of over 12,000 students and more than 600 staff and offers more than 750 courses at its campuses in Alloa, Falkirk and Stirling. Approximately 97% of students successfully progress on to employment or University upon completion of their course at Forth Valley College.

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