

GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE

Academic Board Committee – 01 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 is intended to present members with the most recent admissions data, including the number of applications received and offers made, as well as a comparison with previous years.

2. Recruitment Update

Applications for academic session 2026/27, opened in December 2025. As of the 24 April 2026, the College has received 10,791 applications resulting in 4,597 course offers.

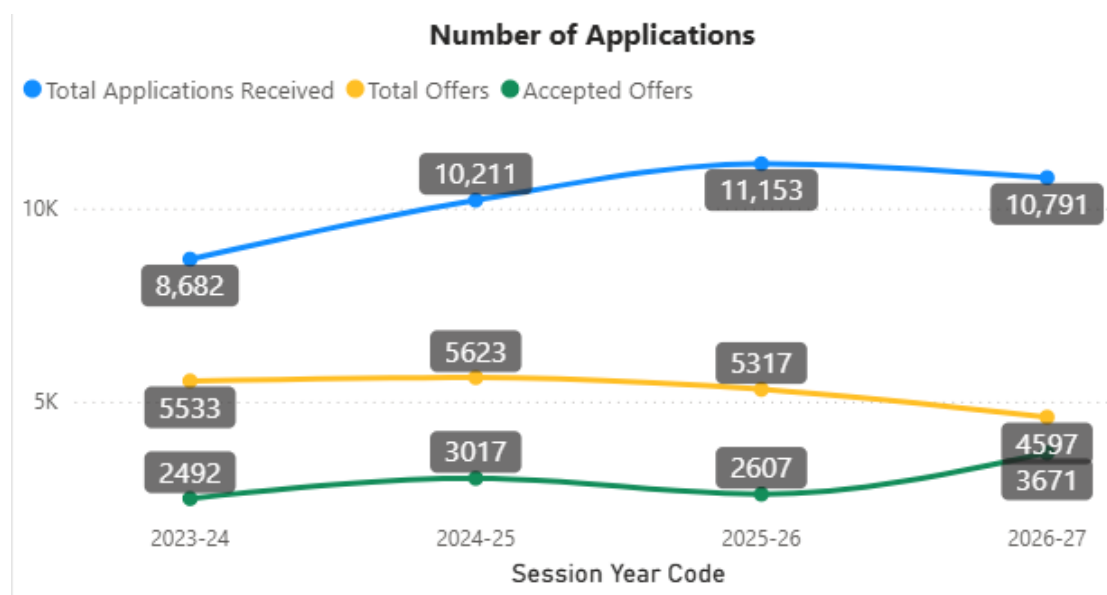


Figure 1 - Applications received and offers made up to 31 January 2026.

Academic Year (to 31 January)	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Applications	8,682	10,211	11,153	10,791
Offers	5,533	5,623	5,317	4,597

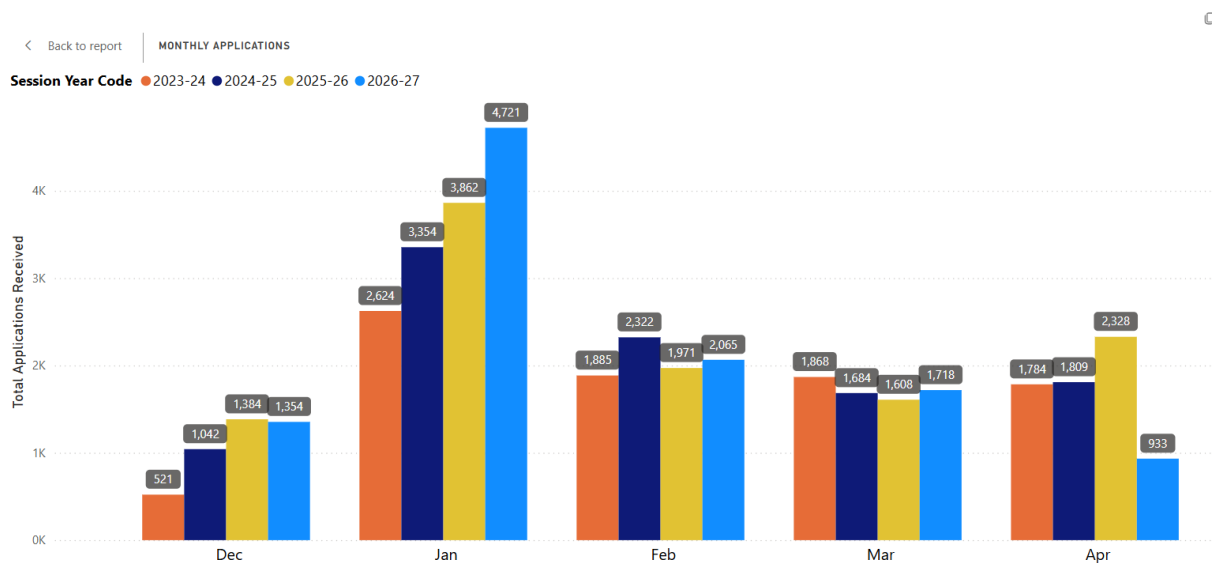
Comparing the four academic years at that same point in the admissions cycle, it shows:

- Demand remains high for courses. Applications for 26/27 are down 3% on last year, however ESOL applications accounted for 1,200 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 4,597 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 3,671, representing 34% of applications. Offers for both FE and HE courses are consistent with last year.

The volume of applications for 2026/27 is distributed across the curriculum, with healthy number reported in most areas and an average of 2.5 applications for every available place. Construction, health care, automotive, social care and science show signs of most interest, where there are more than 3.5 applicants for every place.

Monthly demand remains consistent with last year. January saw a significant increase in the volume of applications, which returned to expected trend levels for February and March. For April, figures appear low, but as mentioned, the launch of ESOL applications has been delayed to later in the year to ensure demand is managed.



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Figure 2 – Application volumes for January by week, 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.

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