**Our Ref: 007/25**

As of 1 October 2012, Edinburgh’s Telford College, Jewel & Esk College and Stevenson College merged to create a single college called Edinburgh College.

We refer to your request for information dated 12 March 2025. The College has considered your request as a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“FOISA”).

**007/25 (1):** How many students were withdrawn from their college course for misconduct during the following academic years? Could you also state the types of misconduct for the students withdrawn?

The College asks students to report the reason why they are being withdrawn. Below is the data held under the withdrawal category ‘disciplinary/exclusion (including Safeguarding/PVG related issues)’:

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| Academic Session | Number of students |
| 2019/20 | 8 |
| 2020/21 | 5 |
| 2021/22 | 5 |
| 2022/23 | 24 |
| 2023/24 | 31 |

**007/25 (2):** How many students dropped out of the college (in other words, left voluntarily) partway through a course during the following academic years?

‘Voluntarily’ is a difficult term to quantify as there are many reasons why a student may need to withdraw or be withdrawn without wanting to leave the College.

The figures in the table below are the total number of withdrawals for each session and the available reported reason for withdrawal data. These figures include withdrawals across all modes of delivery.

‘Voluntarily’ has been defined as being under the following categories:

* Non-attendance/withdrawn after lapse of time with no contact
* Took up another offer at another institution
* To take up employment
* Unknown
* Dissatisfied with course/content
* Dissatisfied with blended/online learning experience

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| Academic Session | Total Withdrawals  | Reported ‘Voluntary’ Withdrawals |
| 2019/20 | 2818 | 609 |
| 2020/21 | 3397 | 842 |
| 2021/22 | 3430 | 2518 |
| 2022/23 | 2573 | 1789 |
| 2023/24 | 2287 | 1652 |

**007/25 (3):** How many verbal warnings with a Learner Agreement were issued for misconduct during the following academic years, and how many individual students received this penalty?

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| --- | --- |
| Academic Session | Number of students |
| 2019/20 | 42 |
| 2020/21 | 35 |
| 2021/22 | 41 |
| 2022/23 | 32 |
| 2023/24 | 70 |

**007/25 (4):** How many first written warnings with a Learner Agreement were issued for misconduct during the following academic years, and how many individual students received this penalty?

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| --- | --- |
| Academic Session | Number of students |
| 2019/20 | 7 |
| 2020/21 | 8 |
| 2021/22 | 7 |
| 2022/23 | 6 |
| 2023/24 | 15 |

**007/25 (5):** How many final written warnings with a Learner Agreement were issued for misconduct during the following academic years, and how many individual students received this penalty?

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| --- | --- |
| Academic Session | Number of students |
| 2019/20 | \* |
| 2020/21 | \* |
| 2021/22 | \* |
| 2022/23 | \* |
| 2023/24 | \* |

\* Please note, numbers of less than five are not provided to protect confidentiality. This information is exempt under Section 38 (1) (b) of the FOI(S) Act 2002 as (due to the low numbers involved) individuals could be identified by this information alongside other information that could be available, and this would therefore risk disclosure of individuals’ personal data.

**007/25 (6):** Could you please advise whether answering any of the questions in my request (whether individually, in multiples, or all together) would exceed the appropriate cost limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000?

No

Edinburgh College is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA) 2002. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may ask the college to review this decision. To do this, please contact the Vice Principal, Corporate Development at the postal address below or e-mail the Vice Principal, Corporate Development at governance@edinburghcollege.ac.uk describing your original request and explaining your grounds for dissatisfaction. (Please include in your review request, your name and address (email or postal) for correspondence).

You have 40 working days from receipt of this letter to submit a review request to:

Vice Principal, Corporate Development

4th Floor

Edinburgh College (Milton Road Campus)

24 Milton Road East

Edinburgh

EH15 2PP

When the review process has been completed and if you are still dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to intervene.

You can make an appeal to the Commissioner by email or post.

To appeal by email, send your application form or email to mail to: **enquiries@foi.scot**

To appeal by post, send your application form or letter to:

Scottish Information Commissioner

Kinburn Castle

Doubledykes Road

St Andrews

KY16 9DS

Full details on how to make an appeal to the Commissioner are available from their website: [Appeal to the Commissioner | Scottish Information Commissioner (foi.scot)](https://www.foi.scot/appeal)

You must appeal to the Commissioner within six months of receiving the review decision.

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law following a decision of the Commissioner.

Kind regards

FOI Team