



## **ARGYLL COLLEGE UHI – BRIEF SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY**

The college continues to operate remotely, with all staff remaining at home for the moment. The college is not yet in a position to say when face to face or in-centre teaching will resume; we remain in consultation with health and safety groups and continue to follow the government guidelines. However, as in academic year 2020/21, we fully expect the majority of our courses to run, subject to numbers, and we will continue to make every effort to make learning from home possible for our students.

Last academic year, we provided laptops and internet dongles to students who required them, as well as additional financial support from Covid funds for students who were struggling. We anticipate that this will continue where appropriate and possible.

### **Student Success**

Principal Martin Jones said, 'this has been an extraordinary year and our students have done extraordinary things to make it to this point'. Martin acknowledged that our students faced significant challenges in working from home, often juggling family, home schooling, work and study. In the absence of a traditional graduation ceremony, we will find alternative ways to celebrate our students' successes.

We have most recently, celebrated the success of one of our BA Business & Management students, John Frace, who won the Herald Higher Education Awards for Outstanding Student Contribution. John is the man behind the Scottish Coronavirus tracker website which you can view here: <https://www.travellingtabby.com/scotland-coronavirus-tracker/> - John originally began this project as a spreadsheet, entering data relating to Covid before being encouraged by friends and fellow students to create a website, which has now attracted 1.5 million users, and at the height of lockdown had over 1,000 people logging on every day for the 3pm update. John's Twitter following has exploded to 22,800 followers, including Professors Devi Shridhar, Jason Leitch, Linda Bauld, and the First Minister.

It is estimated that John has spent 1,500 hours (187 working days) over the past year on the site, whilst also keeping up with his full-time studies with the University of the Highlands and Islands. His selfless efforts have helped to improve many people's experience of the most challenging year most of us have faced.

### **College Applications Remain Open**

We still have places left on many of our courses, with the exception of Access to Nursing and the PGDE in Primary/Secondary teaching, both of which are already fully subscribed.



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Prospective students should visit our 'subjects' page on our website to find out more about the range of subjects on offer, from NC, HNC/HND and beyond to degree and postgraduate options – there's lots to choose from! The subjects page can be found here: <https://www.argyll.uhi.ac.uk/subjects/>

For those who are uncertain about aspects of studying with us, how to apply, or navigating the issue of funding, we have a really helpful 'study with us' page where you can click through a range of links to get more information. The study with us page is here: <https://www.argyll.uhi.ac.uk/study-with-us/>

Of course, despite working from home, staff are all ready, able and willing to help prospective students with their enquiries so they should feel free to contact Helensburgh centre staff via our email: [achelensburgh@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:achelensburgh@uhi.ac.uk) or call the centre on: 01631 559 538 to chat to one of us.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning students in September when the new academic year begins.