

UHI | ARGYLL

We have had a busy start to semester 2 with around 40 students beginning a range of courses in Helensburgh. Many of these are short full-time courses, some are part-time. We have several Hermitage Academy pupils coming to college on a regular basis this semester. These are pupils who can leave school this year, both summer and Christmas, with the aim of keeping them engaged with education and helping them with the process of transitioning from school to further education. We also have several Ukrainian students on our ESOL courses. Our semester 2 courses are:

- NC Horticulture
- Access to FE
- Access to Care
- ESOL beginners
- ESOL Level 4
- NC Social Sciences Level 5
- Childcare infill
- Business infill

Our open day in January was well attended, with several visitors to the centre. Our next open day is scheduled for 12th March.

The college building works are almost complete, with only the external painting to be completed. The extension has improved the appearance of the building and provided us with much needed extra space. Our new classrooms are being put to good use, particularly on Wednesdays and Thursdays this semester when all our classrooms and study spaces are utilised. The new student hub is proving popular with students, they can relax and socialise in between classes and during lunch break. The UHI student union have bought sofas and a coffee table for the space.