

## STUDENT FAQS

### **I am a current student, partway through my course. How would the proposed merger impact me?**

If the merger takes place, you will not experience any significant change in your college experience. Students will remain on the same campus. Your teachers and other college staff will continue to support you in achieving your qualifications as usual.

### **As a current student, will I need to go to a different campus for my studies?**

No. Students will remain at the campus where they currently study. At this stage, there are no plans that would require students to travel between campuses.

### **Will I still be able to access student support services at my current college after September 2024 if the colleges merge?**

Yes. Students will still be able to access the student support functions that they do now. New students who join in September 2024 will access student support services at each campus in the same way as existing students.

### **How will the proposed merger affect students applying for courses starting in September 2024?**

As happens now, new students should apply to the college campus where their chosen course is held and follow the application guidance and procedures. Courses will continue to be delivered on the campus site you expect to attend. Enrolment will be carried out at each campus as normal.

### **Could the proposed merger benefit students?**

Definitely! Bringing our two colleges together would be very exciting. The proposed merger will offer more course choices and flexibility, boost investment and funding, give you access to more resources and facilities, and create more social activities and events for you and your college friends to enjoy.

### **Will it affect my qualification(s)?**

No. Virtually all our qualifications are certified by external awarding bodies, so they will not be affected in any way. For example, if you are studying for a degree or postgraduate award, you will still receive your degree from the awarding partner.

### **Will there be any course cancellations?**

There will be no changes from the merger process. However, it is standard practice for colleges to continually review courses to ensure they are meeting the needs of both students and employers. We will communicate with you about any such changes should they arise.

### **Will universities, employers, and training providers know about the merger?**

Yes, we are communicating with all our stakeholders and partners about the proposed changes as part of the consultation. Your progression routes (what you choose to do next) will not change because of the merger.

### **What happens next?**

The two college governing bodies have set up a 'Joint Steering Group' to oversee the merger process and necessary legal and financial procedures. Both colleges will work closely together over the next few months to ensure any change is as smooth as possible.

**How can I keep up to date with developments?**

As merger discussions progress, we will keep new student applicants and existing students up-to-date with the latest news. The merger pages on each college website will continue to be updated so that everyone can access the information. Our priority throughout the process is to ensure that new applicants and students already studying with us continue to have the high-quality education and training that they expect.