



Employer FAQs

Cheshire College – South & West and Macclesfield College Proposed Merger

Q: What opportunities could the merger create for employers?

A: The merger will create a larger, more strategically aligned skills partner for Cheshire. Employers could benefit from broader apprenticeship and training provision, access to specialist facilities, further alignment to regional skill priorities.

Q: Will apprenticeship training continue as normal?

A: Yes, apprenticeship delivery will continue without interruption. Teaching, assessment, workplace visits and reviews will take place as scheduled.

Ensuring continuity and quality for employers and apprentices is a core priority throughout the merger process.

Q: Will my apprentice's programme, qualification or timetable change?

A: Apprentices will remain on their current programme, qualification and timetable. If any adjustments are required in the future, these will be communicated clearly and well in advance, with minimal disruption to employer or apprentices

Q: Will staffing or assessors change?

A: Maintaining quality and continuity is a priority. Apprentices will continue to be supported by their existing delivery teams. There are no staffing changes planned as part of the merger process, any future staffing adjustments will be clearly communicated to employers.

Q: Will we still be able to access apprenticeship funding?

A: Yes, should any administrative updates be required following the merger, employers will receive clear guidance and support

Q: Will End-Point Assessment (EPA) arrangements change?

A: No, EPA preparation and assessment will continue as planned.

Q: How can I keep in touch with the progress of the merger?

A: Regular updates will be published on both college websites throughout the consultation period and beyond providing the latest information, key announcements, and answers to frequently asked questions as the merger progresses.