



Learner FAQs

Cheshire College – South & West and Macclesfield College Proposed Merger

Q: What is happening?

A: Cheshire College – South & West and Macclesfield College are proposing to merge to create a single, larger college serving Cheshire and the surrounding region. The aim is to build a stronger organisation offering high-quality education, improved facilities and greater opportunities for learners.

Q: What are the benefits for me?

A: The merger will create a larger college with wider course choice, enhanced facilities, shared expertise across campuses and stronger progression routes into employment or higher education.

Q: How will the merger affect me as a current learner?

A: Your day-to-day college experience will continue as normal. Your teaching staff, support teams and timetable will remain in place, and you will continue working towards your qualification as planned.

Q: I am applying to start in September 2026 – will the proposed merger affect my application?

A: No. Your application, offer, course, campus and September 2026 start date will continue as planned

Q: Will my qualification still be recognised?

A: Yes, all qualifications will continue to be awarded by the relevant external awarding bodies or university partners. The value and recognition of your qualification will not change.

Q: Will I still study at the same campus?

A: Yes, learners will continue to study at their current campus. There are no plans to relocate learners as a result of the merger.

Q: Will support services still be available?

A: Yes, you will continue to have access to learning support, wellbeing services, careers advice and pastoral care in the same way you do now.