



# Parent and Carer FAQs

## Cheshire College – South & West and Macclesfield College Proposed Merger

**Q: Why are the Colleges proposing to merge?**

**A:** The merger aims to create stronger a more resilient organization delivering high quality education across Cheshire, enhance curriculum opportunities and respond effectively to regional skills priorities. By working together, both Colleges can provide greater resilience and broader opportunities for learners.

**Q: What does the proposed merger mean for learners' education?**

**A:** Education will continue as normal, with teaching, course delivery, and support remaining consistent throughout the transition period.

**Q: When will the merger take place?**

**A:** The merger is proposed to take effect from 1 August. There would be a structured transition period to ensure stability for learners and staff.

**Q: Will learners study at the same campus?**

**A:** Yes, learners will remain at their current campus. There are no plans to relocate learners as part of the proposed merger.

**Q: Will qualifications remain the same?**

**A:** Yes, all qualifications will continue to be awarded by recognised external awarding organisations or university partners.

**Q: Will teaching staff or support teams change?**

**A:** Continuity and stability are priorities. Learners will continue to be supported by their existing teaching and support teams. Any future changes would be carefully managed and clearly communicated.

**Q: Will safeguarding arrangements remain in place?**

**A:** Yes. Safeguarding remains a fundamental priority. All safeguarding policies, procedures and reporting processed will continue throughout and after the merger.

**Q: Will financial support change?**

**A:** No, financial support, including bursaries, free meals and travel support, will continue as usual. Any future updates would be communicated clearly.

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

**A:** Regular updates will be shared on the websites of Cheshire College and Macclesfield College. These pages will provide the latest information, key announcements, and answers to frequently asked questions as the merger progresses.