

Friday 3rd April 2009

Dear Colleague

Proposed Merger of Braintree College and Colchester Institute

I am enclosing the consultation document on the proposed merger of Braintree College and Colchester Institute and I am also writing to seek your views on the proposed merger by **5pm Tuesday 26th May 2009**.

As part of its consideration of the future direction for the college, the Corporation of Braintree College decided to consider the possibility of merger with another college or colleges. After careful deliberation, Braintree College decided that Colchester Institute should be the preferred merger partner.

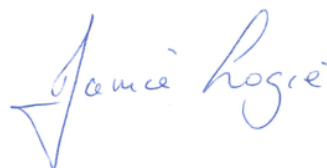
Since then, the LSC and the colleges have worked closely together to examine the potential of this proposal. An initial outline proposal for merger was presented to the LSC's Regional Board on 12 September 2008 and it was agreed that we should proceed to the next stage of the proposal: public consultation.

After the consultation period, the colleges will work together to put together a full merger proposal that will be presented to the LSC Regional Board. The proposed implementation date for the merger is 1st January 2010.

We have included a proforma for responses in the consultation document. Responses should be sent by 5pm, Tuesday 26th May 2009 to **Terry Collin, Partnership Director, Learning and Skills Council**. The information is also available on the LSC website, at www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/eastofengland/whatwedo

We hope you do take the opportunity to respond: I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



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