

19 July 2009

Dear Colleague

Proposed Merger of South Kent College and West Kent College

I am enclosing the consultation document on the proposed merger of South Kent College and West Kent College and I am also writing to seek your views on the proposed merger **by 12 noon on Wednesday 9 September 2009**.

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

An initial outline proposal for merger was presented to the LSC's Regional Board on 13 July 2009 and it was agreed to proceed to a public consultation of the proposal. After the consultation period, the colleges will work together to develop a full merger proposal that will be presented to the LSC Regional Board in October 2009.

Attached to this letter is a pro-forma for responses. Responses should be sent by 12 noon on Wednesday 9 September 2009 to:

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Partnership Director
Learning and Skills Council Kent and Medway
26 Kings Hill Avenue
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The consultation document is also available from our website at:

<http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/SouthEast/>

We hope that you take the opportunity to respond and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Tony Allen
Area Director
Learning and Skills Council Kent and Medway