

Dear student,

I write to you with a consultation update on our proposal to merge with Stockton Sixth Form College.

The last four weeks have provided us with an extensive opportunity to consult staff, students, parents and our local communities on our proposal to merge and thereby safeguard both the quality and reputation of our individual colleges and also sixth form college education in both our boroughs. We are very grateful for your feedback so far.

This landmark proposal would see the first full merger between two sixth form colleges for 17 years. Indeed, it is rare for two organisations to merge on an equal basis, as this proposal sets out. To this end, we have worked closely with various parties to ensure the proposal is in keeping with legal requirements.

Following detailed discussions with our funding bodies, the proposed dates of incorporation and dissolution have been amended slightly and legislation requires us to reissue our proposals. The proposal otherwise remains unchanged; however, this extended timeframe allows us more time to consult on our plans.

The consultation close date in respect of the revised statutory notice is now Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015. The draft proposal is still available and can be requested by emailing [consultation@pursglove.ac.uk](mailto:consultation@pursglove.ac.uk) or [consultation@stocktonsf.ac.uk](mailto:consultation@stocktonsf.ac.uk). We of course welcome further feedback on our proposal over the coming weeks.

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