

SOMERSET COLLEGE



PROPOSED MERGER: YOUR VIEWS

NAME (optional)

ADDRESS (optional)

I AM...

- Learner
- Employer
- Bridgwater College Staff
- Somerset College Staff
- Government Agency/Body
- Local Authority
- School (11-16)
- School (11-18)
- Higher Education Institution
- College of Further Education/Sixth Form College/Training Organisation
- Other

In 2014 Somerset College undertook a thorough and independent strategic review and concluded that, although it could continue as an independent organisation, it should pursue a federation or merger as the best means to further the ambitions it has for those it serves.

Following the announcement in April 2015 of its intention to seek a suitable federation/merger partner, Somerset College conducted an open and transparent process to identify the best partner. Formal expressions of interest were invited and these were assessed against a set of published criteria. On 9 July 2015 Somerset College's Corporation identified Bridgwater College as its preferred partner for merger, and the two organisations are now in talks to explore the possibility further. It is hoped that these will result in a joint commitment of the colleges to formally and legally come together as one organisation on 15 February 2016, subject to a successful outcome from due diligence.

Details of the proposed merger are outlined on the website. Once you have read them fully, we would welcome your views.

The following statements reflect the aspirations of Bridgwater College and Somerset College. Please score on the extent to which you consider that a merger of the two organisations will deliver these aspirations.

1 = Not at all

5 = Completely

To deliver skills and educational needs of learners and employers both now and in the future.

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>				

To create an outstanding learning experience across the whole organisation that secures the confidence of learners, stakeholders and employers.

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>				

To provide a learning experience that meets the needs and aspirations of learners and employers within the respective localities of Bridgwater, Taunton and the wider Somerset area.

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>				

To secure a financially stable and sustainable organisation which can more readily secure opportunities for growth and development.

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>				

To create, maintain and develop high quality campuses and resources for education and skills training.

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>				

To secure outstanding leadership and governance.

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>				

How could the College best reflect the aspirations of the combined college within its branding?

Your comments and suggestions would be welcome.

Any other comments

Do you support the merger of Somerset College and Bridgwater College through the dissolution of Somerset College? Yes No

Please complete and email to:

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