

# Parents FAQs

NewVic and Newham College believe that Newham and surrounding areas deserve high-quality teaching and learning for all ages. Here's what you need to know about your education and college experience after the proposed merger:

## **Commitment to Your Child's Education:**

### **Will my child keep the same teacher?**

Your child will keep the same teacher wherever possible, but some changes may occur for specific courses, such as two-year A Levels or if a teacher has left or for a specialist topic.

### **Will my child continue learning at the same campus?**

Yes, your child will continue their learning on almost all programmes at the same campus.

### **Will there be more opportunities for my child?**

Yes, there will be more opportunities for enrichment activities and a wider range of progression pathways.

### **Will student support services change?**

No, your child will still have access to the strong student support services at each site.

### **Can my child collaborate with students from other campuses?**

Yes, your child will have opportunities to collaborate on projects across campuses, such as linking Student Unions and curriculum projects.

## **Impact on Current Students:**

### **How will the merger impact my child if they are part way through their course?**

Your child will not experience significant changes to their college experience. Most students will remain at the same campus with the same staff.

### **Will my child have to go across different campuses for their studies?**

No, the vast majority of students will stay at their current campus. For those moving campuses, support will be provided. There are no plans to have students travel between campuses for their courses.

## **Student Support Services:**

### **Will student support services change from November 2024 when the colleges merge?**

No, your child will still be able to access the same support services at their existing campus. New students joining in November 2024 will access support services at each campus just like current students.

## **Impact on Applicants for September 2024:**

### **How will the proposed merger affect students applying for courses starting in September 2024?**

Students should apply as usual to the campus with their desired course, following the college's application guidance and procedures. Most courses will continue to be delivered at the expected campus.

## **What Changes Mean for Students:**

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The merger will provide a greater choice of courses, flexibility, and resources for students.

### **Will it affect my child's qualifications?**

No, qualifications will not be affected as all awards and qualifications are certified by external bodies.

### **Will there be any cancellation of courses?**

No, there will be no changes arising from the merger process. However, courses are regularly reviewed to meet student and employer needs. Any changes will be communicated.

## **Employer and Provider Awareness:**

### **Will employers and education/training providers be aware of the merger for progression reasons?**

Yes, we are informing all stakeholders about the proposed changes. Your child's progression routes will remain unchanged.

## **Next Steps:**

### **What happens next?**

The governing bodies have set up a Shadow Board to oversee the merger implementation and necessary legal and financial procedures. Both colleges will collaborate closely over the coming months.

### **How can I keep up to date with developments?**

We will keep you updated on the latest news and update the merger pages on each college's website. Our priority is to ensure new applicants and current students continue to receive high-quality education and training.

For more detailed information and updates, please refer to the merger consultation documents on the college websites.