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NewVic and Newham College London Merge to Create London's Broadest Post-16 and Adult Education Offer

Today marks a significant milestone for education in East London as NewVic Sixth Form College and Newham College London officially merge, forming one of the largest providers of post-16 and adult education in the region. This merger creates an institution that offers the most comprehensive and inclusive academic and vocational education offer in Newham and across London, supporting both young people and adults at every stage of their educational journey.

Operating across multiple campuses, including East Ham, Stratford, the London City Institute of Technology (LCIoT) in Canning Town, and NewVic's Plaistow site, the newly merged institution will serve over 12,000 students.

Paul Stephen, Principal and CEO of Newham College London, commented:

"This merger is not only about creating the broadest post-16 education offer in Newham but about ensuring that education remains accessible for all learners, including adults seeking to upskill or retrain. By bringing together our collective strengths, we're building an institution that is a cornerstone of social cohesion and economic growth in Newham. Our multiple campuses allow us to reach and serve our communities effectively, from East Ham to Canning Town, Stratford, and Plaistow."

Jamie Purser, Principal and CEO-elect, added:

"Our vision of 'One College, One Community' is central to everything we do. This merger strengthens our ability to deliver on that vision, providing every learner—whether they are just starting their educational journey or looking to develop new skills later in life—with access to high-quality learning opportunities. From entry-level courses to advanced technical qualifications and adult education programmes, we are committed to meeting the diverse needs of Newham's community, fostering success at every stage of life."

Paul Jackson, Chair of Governors, stated:

"The merger offers an unparalleled opportunity to create a college that truly meets the needs of Newham's learners, employers, and the wider community. We are ensuring that education remains accessible, inclusive, and aligned with the future demands of the economy. This is about building a legacy of educational excellence and community cohesion."

The new institution's vast educational offer includes a wide range of opportunities for young people and adults alike, aligning with local, regional, and national priorities for skills development. From advanced technical qualifications at the LCIoT to accessible adult learning pathways, the merged college will continue to empower individuals and contribute to the ongoing economic and social prosperity of Newham.

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Note to editors.

About Newham College London - Newham College London, now merged with NewVic Sixth Form College, is a leading further education provider with campuses in East Ham, Stratford, the London City Institute of Technology (LCIoT) in Canning Town, and Plaistow. Serving over 12,000 students, the college offers a wide range of pathways, including post-16 education, adult education, apprenticeships, and higher education. With an annual turnover of £60 million and more than 600 staff, Newham College is one of Newham's largest employers and a central pillar in local economic and community development.

About the Merger - The merger between Newham College London and NewVic Sixth Form College was made possible through the support and guidance of a collaborative steering group, including representatives from the London Borough of Newham, the Greater London Authority, the Department for Education, and the Further Education Commissioner's team. This initiative was further supported through extensive public consultation, with positive feedback from key stakeholders, including local schools, employers, students, and community leaders. Combining the strengths of both institutions, the merger ensures an inclusive, comprehensive education model, aligning with the needs of Newham's diverse community.
