

6 August 2009

Dear Colleague

Proposed Merger of Derby College and South East Derbyshire College

I am enclosing the consultation document on the proposed merger of Derby College and South East Derbyshire College and I am also writing to seek your views on the proposed merger **by 12 noon on Friday 2nd October 2009**.

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

An initial outline proposal for merger was presented to the LSC's Regional Board on 15th 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 November 2009.

Representations should be made in writing (response pro-forma within the consultation document) by **12 noon on Friday 2nd October 2009** to:

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The consultation document is also available from our website at:
www.lsc.gov.uk/eastmidlands

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mick Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mick Brown
Area Director for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire