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### **New era for education in Portsmouth**

Two of the city's leading colleges have officially merged in an ambitious move that will create significant benefits for the city and region.

City of Portsmouth College has been formed by the merger of Portsmouth College and Highbury College and was formally constituted on Sunday, August 1.

The newly formed College will give students of all ages even greater flexibility with their programmes and access to dedicated subject facilities at the different campus locations.

The joint organisation will also expand a uniquely flexible curriculum offer within the city of Portsmouth, comprising A Levels, vocational diplomas, apprenticeships and higher education qualifications.

Paul Quigley, Chair of Governors at Highbury College, said: 'It's a momentous day for our fantastic city.'

'By joining forces, our colleges are strengthened through collective scale, financial revenue and geographic location.'

'Thank you to all of the governors, the senior leadership teams and the wider staff at both Colleges who have worked so diligently to make our 'City College' vision a reality.'

'It's great news for the whole community, and I'm confident there are exciting times ahead.'

The merged college will shape an innovative post-16 curriculum that spans an extensive range of industry sectors and will excel in meeting the existing and future needs of local, regional and national skills demands.

Nick Wynne, Chair of Governors at Portsmouth College, said: 'We are already planning new and dynamic courses, apprenticeships and higher education options to provide more choice to learners of all ages, both in Portsmouth and further afield.'

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'I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported the partnership, from our local schools, Portsmouth City Council and, of course, the University of Portsmouth who we look forward to working closer with in our recently created partnership for the future of the city.'

Over the coming academic year, Portsmouth College and Highbury College will retain their individual identities and will be unveiling the new City of Portsmouth College brand in September 2022.

Students wishing to apply for a course should continue to do so via the relevant college website.

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## **About Us**

In August 2021, Highbury College and Portsmouth College merged to form City of Portsmouth College. For the 2021/22 academic year, Highbury College and Portsmouth College will operate under their existing brand identities.

In September 2022, a new City of Portsmouth College brand is due to launch.

The new organisation is a general further education college in Portsmouth, Hampshire, England. It provides vocational and academic education and training, from first-step courses to university level foundation degrees, specialised services for business and education in the community.

Courses include A Levels, vocational diplomas (BTECs), GCSEs, Foundation Degrees, Apprenticeships and unaccredited leisure courses.

The organisation has more than 55 years of experience during which time it has built a strong reputation for both academic and professional programmes. It also has close relationships with those working in various industries which ensure the ever-changing needs of employers in the area are met.

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The College actively promotes lifelong learning and delivers a wide range of adult courses at more than 40 community venues in and around Portsmouth, as well as at five college campuses.

The College is also a provider of apprenticeship training in the South East and currently offers apprenticeships in more than 40 subject areas.