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Transforming lives, business and communities

Lambeth College is proposing to become part of the LSBU group. This document explains why we have decided to take this step and how it will happen. It also explains the rationale behind, and benefits of, the change.



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We'd like your views

Following the recommendation of the Central London Area Review of Further Education, Lambeth College is proposing to become part of the LSBU family of educational providers. This document serves as the statutory consultation on the proposal in the context of that Review.

We explain how this proposal will benefit learners of all ages. The document also lays out the timetable for consultation. We're explicitly seeking your views on the dissolution of the College by 31st July 2018 or a date as soon as practicable after this date. Your views are important to us and we look forward to hearing from you.



Foreword from the Chair of the Lambeth College Board



This document sets out a proposal from the Governing Body of Lambeth College to become part of the LSBU family of educational providers.

For several years, we have worked effectively in partnership with the University on many different levels; including most recently on the Lambeth Apprenticeship Programme – which helps to boost the number of apprenticeships on offer to the people of Lambeth.

Our current vision, mission and values are already closely aligned with those of the University. Our intention is not to change our strategic direction, but to collaborate to enable further growth and strength. A key aspect of becoming part of the LSBU family is that we will be able to retain our focus on delivering Further Education and our identity as Lambeth College.

Having considered several options under the London Area Review process, and following a Structure and Prospect Appraisal, the Governors have agreed that LSBU presents the very best option to safeguard the College and its future in serving the students and the communities of south London.

We are keen to hear from you and details of how to express your views are outlined on page 11.

With best wishes,
Mary McCormack
Chair of Governors

Foreword from the Vice Chancellor of LSBU



The educational opportunities available in England have never been more diverse. However, learners very often struggle to identify the educational next steps that will take them towards their chosen career.

Working with other organisations, London South Bank University is creating a joined up offer for the people of the area – a family of educational providers. This creates a more collaborative approach through which learners can build the portfolio of skills and education that best suits them.

The LSBU family already includes an Academy school, a University Technical College, a new Institute for Professional and Technical Education which will support apprenticeships; and a University. By joining, Lambeth College would become part of a group of specialist organisations, each focusing on their strengths for the benefit of our learners and our community. In this way, learners can choose the progression pathway and learning experience that's right for them, rather than being constrained by a predefined route.

The benefits of joining the LSBU family are set out below for your consideration. We do hope that you will engage with the consultation process, full details of which can be found on page 11.

Best wishes,
Prof David Phoenix
Vice Chancellor

About us

Lambeth College

Lambeth College is South London's Career College and has campuses in Clapham, Brixton and Vauxhall. The College has 1,578 full-time and 2,797 part-time students. Just over 40% of the College's students are resident in Lambeth, with around 30% of other students resident in surrounding London boroughs. Three quarters of the students at the College are adults.

Lambeth College offers a wide range of courses and apprenticeships that open the door to future career opportunities. The College offers courses in health

and social care, construction, ESOL, engineering, hair and beauty, hospitality, sport, media and more. The vast majority of learners go into work, higher education or training.

Students at Lambeth College learn in an environment that provides learners with the best experience possible, with all round support from experienced tutors and other staff and modern industry standard facilities. These facilities include a nursery rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in March 2018.



About us

LSBU and the LSBU family



The LSBU family currently consists of London South Bank University (providing undergraduate and postgraduate courses); South Bank University Academy of Engineering (for 11-19 year olds); South Bank University Engineering UTC (for 14-19 year olds); and South Bank University Business Enterprises (responsible for Innovation and Enterprise). We are also establishing a new Institute for Professional and Technical Education (IPTE) which will provide a one-stop-shop for employers and learners who wish to participate in apprenticeships.



London South Bank University has been transforming lives, communities and businesses for 125 years. The aims at its creation remain a core part of the focus of the University today: to improve the social mobility of the people of south London by improving their employment opportunities; and to support local employers by providing access to the knowledge that would advance their businesses.



We offer a range of higher education including undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, higher and degree apprenticeships, with particular strengths in engineering, health, construction, digital and creative industries and business. LSBU's applied academic environment supports students into professional careers by providing them with the knowledge and skills attractive to employers. At the same time, we support employers by providing the education, consultancy and high quality applied research they need to grow their businesses. Our links with industry are key – over half of LSBU degrees are accredited by professional bodies, enabling direct entry into leading professions.



LSBU is proud to be a leading Higher Education provider. In 2016, we were named Entrepreneurial University of the Year in the Times Higher Educational Awards. We were recently included in the World University Rankings for the first time and named the University of the Year for Graduate Employment and prospects by The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018. Overall, LSBU is in the top 25 of all UK universities for graduate starting salaries.



**South Bank
Engineering UTC**

South Bank Engineering UTC

This is a new specialist engineering school for 14-19 year olds, with entry into Years 10 and 12. In Years 10 and 11 students follow a broad range of GCSEs and other valued qualifications, while in the 6th form students all follow A levels or equivalent technical qualifications. The UTC does far more than traditional schools to prepare our students for the demands of the future economy and in many ways the UTC is closer to a workplace than a school.



University Academy of Engineering

This is a successful and popular Academy within Southwark, catering for girls and boys aged 11-19. We specialise in STEM subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics whilst placing creativity at the heart of the curriculum.

What process has been followed up to now?

The Central London Area Review was part of a national government-sponsored programme of local area reviews of Further Education, designed to develop more sustainable Further Education provision in each area. The Area Review concluded in Lambeth College nominating LSBU as its preferred partner. A Structure and Prospects Appraisal (SPA) has more recently reaffirmed LSBU as Lambeth College's preferred partner. In order that Lambeth College can become part of the LSBU group, it is now proposed that Lambeth College is dissolved on 31st July 2018 and its property, rights and liabilities transferred to a newly created wholly-owned subsidiary of London South Bank University.

Why should Lambeth College join the LSBU family?

There is an established route for learners who perform well academically, which carries them seamlessly from GCSEs to A levels and into university.

This route is often presented as the norm, but in practice it serves little over a third of 18 year-olds – less in some areas and social groups. Despite successive reforms to qualifications, funding and institutions, there has been little thought given to creating pathways which meet the needs of the 60%+ who do not follow the 'traditional' route from school to university. On the academic pathway, the step between Levels 3 and 4 (GCSE and A level) is clear and easily navigated. On the technical pathway, it is highly complex and often sees learners falling out of education. This is even more so in the case of apprenticeships, where there is worryingly low progression from Level 3 to 4. Just 10.4% of Level 3

Apprentices progress to higher education within three years.

LSBU wants to help bridge the divide between academic and technical education. That's why LSBU and Lambeth College are proposing to enter a group structure that meets the needs of local learners and employers, whilst recognising the distinctions between further and higher education.

The two institutions have complementary visions: the University aims to be recognised as an enterprising civic university that addresses real world challenges; the College's vision is to offer learners an entrepreneurial, technologically focused learning environment which delivers education and skills aligned to employer needs. The introduction of Lambeth College into the LSBU family will create a framework that



allows learners to progress more easily from secondary education into further and higher education within a network of like-minded institutions.

It will create a host of new educational opportunities for College students and the local community, including over 20 of the new higher and degree apprenticeship standards. Students will benefit from access to LSBU's broad teaching curriculum, specialist facilities and technical resources, as well as the University's connections to hundreds of local, national and international employers and the opportunities that brings.

Key benefits of becoming part of the LSBU family

Lambeth College shares core values and objectives with the members of the LSBU family. Key amongst those is keeping learners at the centre of everything by offering a relevant curriculum; providing excellent teaching; maintaining links with employers and the community; and tackling social exclusion through widening participation. By joining the LSBU family, Lambeth College will be better able to:

- deliver excellence for its learners so they can succeed in work and life;
- secure long-term financial and operational stability whilst investing in high quality resources;
- create new educational opportunities;
- ensure students can continue their current studies on the same courses and at the same campus, with the added benefit of being able to access leading specialist facilities and technical resources across the LSBU family; and
- retain its existing name, mission and values.

Benefits to students

- the opportunity to build a portfolio of skills and educational experiences comprising the level, style and aim of learning that best suits them at the time;
- opportunities to transfer comfortably between technical, vocational or academic routes while maintaining easy access back into and between types of education, encouraging life-long learning;
- increased access to local businesses including work experience and career opportunities;
- access to an award-winning infrastructure to start and develop their own business; and
- access to the planned investments in new education facilities at both LSBU and Lambeth College.

Benefits to staff

- increased opportunities to work with colleagues across a range of educational levels;
- increased opportunities to plan specific courses which support the long-term educational needs of the community, especially those students who have not attained traditional qualifications;
- increased access to personal and professional development opportunities;
- increased opportunities to engage with businesses and community partners;

- increased access to technology and systems; and
- access to the planned investments in new education facilities at both LSBU and Lambeth College.

Benefits to employers and the community

- a comprehensive and coordinated local skills and education offer;
- a 'one-stop-shop' for employers and their skills and education needs;
- a more comprehensive high quality offer around apprenticeships at all levels, focusing on coherence rather than competition; and
- access to high quality enterprise support for small businesses.

Consultation with stakeholders:
27th March

End of consultation: 8th May

Consultation response report published by 30th June

Partnership effective: 1st August 2018

Consultation and achieving the vision

This consultation document seeks the views of students, staff, businesses and all stakeholders to inform Lambeth College joining the LSBU group.

The consultation:

- complies fully with statutory requirements
- is available publicly:
 - on the websites of both Lambeth College and LSBU
 - on request by emailing:
Public.Consultation@lambethcollege.ac.uk
 - in printed format at the reception desks of both Lambeth College (Clapham Campus) and LSBU (Technopark Reception)

A summary of the results will be published by 30th June 2018 and will be made available as above.

www.lambethcollege.ac.uk/public-consultation
www.lsbu.ac.uk/lambeth-consultation



Your views on the proposal

Your views are important to us.

In the consultation document, we have set out the background and benefits of to the proposal for Lambeth College to become part of the LSBU family. Thinking about the learners, employers and the wider community, please let us know which of the benefits are most important to you. You can also add anything else you would like us to take into consideration.

Please complete the form below, or you can complete the form online at:

www.lambethcollege.ac.uk/public-consultation or www.lsbu.ac.uk/lambeth-consultation

Your Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

I am (select as appropriate):

Student / Learner

Local Government

Community
Organisation

Parent

School

Other (please state)

Lambeth College Staff

Employer / Local
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LSBU Family Staff

Please complete the form and return it to us in person at the reception desk at the **Clapham Campus, Lambeth College** or **Technopark, LSBU** or via post or email to:

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The deadline for your response is 12 noon on 8th May 2018

Your views



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