

## Merger of Sussex Coast College and Sussex Downs College – consultation on change of name

You will be aware that Sussex Coast College and Sussex Downs College have been working together over recent months to bring the two institutions together through a formal merger. As we approach the vesting date of the merger the governing body of Sussex Coast College has decided to launch a formal consultation on changing the name of the Board of Sussex Coast College.

The desire to change the name of the Board reflects the wishes of both governing bodies to create a new organisation to meet the needs of learners, businesses and communities and as such we are now writing to you as a local provider of education to seek your views on the proposed formal name for the merged college.

Our proposal is to change the name of the Sussex Coast College Board to the East Sussex College Group. This choice of name has particular geographical significance and relevance and creates a dynamic thread that runs between the areas of Hastings, Rother, Eastbourne, Lewes, Newhaven and Wealden.

Whilst it is proposed to rename the Board, the colleges within the group will continue to be known locally as Sussex Coast College and Sussex Downs College.

We very much hope you are able to support our proposal and it would be very helpful to our application to the Department for Education to receive a letter or email from you confirming that you are supportive of this name change. This can be sent to the Director of Governance, Sarah Connerty at [sconnerty@sussexcoast.ac.uk](mailto:sconnerty@sussexcoast.ac.uk) or to Sussex Coast College, Station Plaza, Station Approach, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1BA.

The deadline for the consultation is Thursday 8 February.

With kind regards

Tony Campbell OBE KSG FRSA, Chair of the Sussex Coast College Corporation  
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