



Statement re Ofsted Report and merger with Newham College

25 April 2024

Susanne Davies, Interim Principal said,

“We accept Ofsted’s overall judgement. I am pleased that Ofsted acknowledge the progress made in the current academic year to get the College back on track. We fully recognise the challenges we face and have a clear plan for the road ahead. To that end, I am also pleased that Ofsted confirmed ‘the current leadership team have accurately identified the urgent areas for improvement and have in place an extensive range of suitable plans to improve the quality of education for all learners.’

NewVIC is proud to be a longstanding and incredibly important resource for our local community and our commitment to delivering our mission of providing the best possible education and training is unwavering.”

As part of its strategic response to the Ofsted report, the NewVIC Corporation has formally resolved to pursue merger discussions with Newham College. Newham College has demonstrable strengths in the areas Ofsted identified as areas for development at NewVIC and a highly complementary curriculum offer. The merged institution would offer a full range of academic and vocational pathways for young people, from Entry Level to Level 5, including A Levels, T Levels, BTECs, Higher Technical Qualifications and apprenticeships.

Jayne Dickinson, Interim Chair of NewVIC said, “As the new Chair of NewVIC, over the past two months I’ve witnessed the enormous potential of NewVIC and the real progress the College is already making in the areas for improvement highlighted in the Ofsted reports. A merger between the two organisations will accelerate this progress and expand opportunities for local young people, ensuring a skills pipeline for our employers. This is an exciting prospect that plays to the strengths of both colleges.”

Paul Jackson, Chair of Newham College Corporation said “We are pleased to be working with the Corporation and staff of NewVIC towards creating an exciting option for post 16 education in Newham. We have an opportunity to offer the widest level of student choice from entry level to Level 5, and from the most practical qualifications to high level technology. With student satisfaction and success at the heart of our mission and a committed, talented staff we have the opportunity to build skills and opportunity for the Borough and beyond.”

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