



## Media Line- Approval of Merger

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Paul Little, Principal Designate of City of Glasgow College, said; "We are delighted by the announcement that the Scottish Government has today approved the unique three way merger of Glasgow Metropolitan College, Central College, and Glasgow College of Nautical Studies to create the City of Glasgow College. This is great news for students, for staff, for the city of Glasgow and for Scotland.

"This approval will give us the clarity and momentum to move forward now as a merged college. This is a very exciting time, as we will be creating the single largest college in Scotland, which will bring with it enormous opportunities for staff, students and our partners.

"City of Glasgow College offers many educational benefits which will now be realised, including improved student choice in the centre of Glasgow, improved learning and support for the 40,000 learners who will pass through our doors and it will safeguard our more specialised courses. It will also create a powerhouse of skills development with some ten plus schools of national expertise to better serve our employers and communities in Glasgow, and Scotland as whole.

"Merger has indeed been a long time coming, and a huge amount of people have helped us to achieve this landmark milestone. I would like to thank each and everyone one of them for the support and contribution they have made to this little bit of history. The Scottish Government and Scottish Funding Council have supported and encouraged us to take a visionary approach which will led to a step change in Scottish further education, and for that we'd like to thank them. We still have much work to do, and I am looking forward to hitting the ground running!"

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