

## **Access Agreements for Higher Education at Kingston College and South Thames Colleges 2017/18**

A New College Group for South West London

### **Introduction to the College**

From 1 August 2017 Kingston College, South Thames College (which also included the Merton College campus) and Carshalton College merged under type B merger arrangements (governed by the Further Education Corporations (Publication of Proposals) (England) Regulations 2012, SI 2012 No. 1157) to create a new college group for South West London. Under these arrangements Carshalton and South Thames College were dissolved and their property, rights and liabilities transferred to the remaining college, Kingston College.

Kingston College, the successor body, has proposed to the Secretary of State a name change to “South Thames College Group” and this is awaiting approval at the time of writing this update to the Kingston and South Thames Colleges’ Access Agreements for 2017/18.

### **The component parts of the College**

The three colleges that merged were general further education colleges that delivered vocational education and skills training. Carshalton College was based in Sutton and in 2016/17 had a total of 2,700 students, Kingston College was based at two sites in Kingston and in 2016/17 had a total of 6,000 students. South Thames College had three sites in Merton, Wandsworth and Tooting, and in 2016/17, had a total of 13,800 students.

From 1 August 2017 the new college group, planned to be titled, “South Thames College Group” operates from 4 college centres;

- Carshalton College located in the London Borough of Sutton;
- Kingston College, its two campuses located in Kingston town centre, in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames;
- Merton College located in the London Borough of Merton;
- South Thames College from two campuses, the main campus in Wandsworth High Street and the Tooting Centre both of which are located in the London Borough of Wandsworth.

Kingston College and South Thames College both charge tuition fees on some of their HE courses above the basic tuition fee limit and have approved Access Agreements for 2017/18 (which appear in the following pages of this document). At Carshalton College no Access Agreement for 2017-18 is in place and students who apply to Carshalton College will not be charged above the basic fee on any HE course.

This document confirms that the agreements and undertakings made in both Kingston and South Thames Colleges’ Access Agreements for 2017/18 (which appear on the websites of each of those colleges) are accepted by the new merged college institution and the tuition fees at both colleges will be charged in accordance with the details contained in each of the separate 2017/18 Access Agreements.