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I hope all is well with you and your teams during these unprecedented times.

I want to share with you an update on our proposed merger with The Trafford College Group. I should also like to provide some information for your Year 11 students in relation to the application process for September 2021 entry

### Merger Update

The merger is taking longer than expected because of the impact of COVID-19. Whilst the formal consultation process was completed over the Summer the due diligence process is taking more time. The revised date for the merger is now 1 March 2021.

Once the merger process is completed, we do not expect our current or prospective students to experience any significant changes at the College. Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College will continue in its current form with the same name, facilities, staff and students achieving excellent results. The model for this merger is based on how Stockport College continues to operate within its own community following their merger with Trafford College three years ago. In the meantime, all our staff are benefitting from collaborative working with colleagues from The Trafford College Group. I shall keep you informed on developments relating to the merger.

### Application Process for September 2021 Entry

Many of your Year 11 students have already applied for September 2021 entry. To support them and the students still making decisions we have been running a series of virtual open events. These events provide the opportunity to hear from key members of the college community, including students, leaders and teachers.

Our final two open evenings are as follows:

- **Virtual Open Evening at Cheadle Wednesday 18 November 5-7pm**
- **Virtual Open Evening at Marple Thursday 19 November 5-7pm**

Interested students should register online at [www.cmcnet.ac.uk](http://www.cmcnet.ac.uk) clicking through to the Eventbrite link where they will be able to secure their place.

The closing date for applications is Friday 18 December 2020. All applicants will be given the opportunity to have a guidance interview early in 2021.

I do hope that before too long it will be possible for me to meet you in person but until then if you have any questions or concerns about the proposed merger please contact me.

With best wishes,



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