



## **Press Release**

# **Berkshire School of English Merges with Educafe Education to Strengthen Community Learning**

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As Berkshire School of English (BSE) proudly marks its 10th anniversary, we are delighted to announce our official merger with Educafe CIC. This milestone is a testament to a long-standing partnership built on shared values of professionalism, collaboration and a commitment to empowering communities through education.

For over a decade, BSE has been a pillar of support for learners from diverse backgrounds, fostering language acquisition, integration and professional development. Our merger with Educafe CIC formalises a four-year collaboration that has already enriched countless lives. By transitioning into a Community Interest Company (CIC) under Educafe, we are ensuring the long-term sustainability of our mission while expanding opportunities for our learners.

## **What This Means for Our Learners**

This union brings together two highly respected organisations, strengthening our ability to provide high-quality education and community support. Key benefits include:

- **Expanded Learning Opportunities** – Greater access to language and skills training for learners of all backgrounds.
- **Optimised Resources** – A more efficient and strategic approach to delivering impactful education.
- **Dedicated Governance and Leadership** – Ensuring excellence, accountability and long-term growth.
- **Highly Qualified Educators** – A steadfast commitment to professional, experienced and passionate teaching staff.
- **Learner-Centric Approach** – Prioritising individual aspirations and needs to foster meaningful learning journeys.

- Innovative Course Development – Continuing BSE’s legacy of dynamic, contemporary and responsive education beyond English language learning.
- Seamless Administration – A highly experienced team dedicated to delivering exceptional service and support.

## **A Decade of Impact and Excellence**

Reflecting on our 10-year journey, BSE has played a transformative role in the lives of learners, particularly through tailored resettlement programmes supporting Syrian, Afghan, Ukrainian and Hong Kong communities. Our unwavering focus on language learning, employability and integration has yielded significant achievements, including:

- Recognition as a Cambridge Exam Preparation Centre.
- Accreditation from Laser Learning Awards ensuring high-quality qualifications.
- Rapid adaptation to online learning during the pandemic to support our community.
- Development of children's exam preparation courses fostering success from an early age.
- Awarding hundreds of qualifications to learners equipping them with essential skills.
- Recognising outstanding learner contributions through prestigious awards.
- Establishing ourselves as a trusted provider welcoming newcomers and supporting their integration.

## **A Future of Collaboration and Growth**

Looking ahead, Educafe Education will build on this strong foundation, offering bespoke training in employability and workplace skills, early years education and volunteering. This strategic expansion will further empower our learners, enabling them to build brighter futures with confidence and resilience.

As we embark on this new chapter, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our learners, volunteers, staff and community partners for their unwavering support. Together, we look forward to continuing our mission of delivering exceptional education and fostering a culture of inclusion, growth and opportunity.

The merger is expected to be completed by the end of August 2025 with interim updates provided between now and then.

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