

September 2008	Executive management in both colleges undertake a risk analysis on options in response to WAG's Transformation Agenda [September 2008.]
October 2008	Both Corporations establish a 'Merger Steering Group' comprising three Executive Managers and three Governors from each college. They agree to commission a feasibility study to examine the notion of a merger between the two colleges.
November 2008	TRIBAL consultancy is commissioned to undertake a feasibility study including consultation with stakeholders within and outside the colleges. Senior Managers and Governors meet with members and officers from City and County of Swansea to discuss broader transformation across Swansea. Agree to submit a proposal for the review of post-16 education in the area to DCELLS.
January 2009	TRIBAL delivers its feasibility report to governors. A Strategic Outline Proposal [SOP], the first of a number of formal documents to DCELLS, is submitted to the Department which proposes a merger. A separate SOP is submitted by City and County of Swansea on its sixth form provision.
February 2009	Governors formally discuss the findings of the feasibility study.
March 2009	Governors formally accept the recommendation for merger subject to due diligence, public consultation and ministerial approval. Formal approval of the SOP by DCELLS.
April 2009	Feedback on SOP and further guidance on the process for merger from DCELLS. PricewaterhouseCoopers and Morgan Cole appointed as consultants to undertake due diligence studies.
May 2009	Tribal is commissioned to prepare a Strategic Outline Case. The public consultation process is agreed. IC Marketing is appointed to undertake a branding exercise for the merged college.
July 2009	Governors receive due diligence reports. IC Marketing feeds back on branding exercise.
September 2009	Consultants present draft Strategic Outline Case to Corporation Boards. Public Consultation carried out. Union, Full Staff and Student Consultations commence.
October 2009	Final Strategic Outline Case presented to Corporation Boards. A provisional 'shadow board' is established for the new college. A Chair Designate of the new Board is appointed. The process for appointing a Principal and Senior Post Holders is agreed.
November 2009	Final, formal proposals and Strategic Outline Case for merger is submitted to DCELLS.
December 2009	DCELLS considers formal proposals
January 2010	DCELLS post statutory notice [40 days.]
March 2010	DCELLS put forward formal submission to the Minister. Minister lays statutory instruments [40 days.]
May 2010	Merger formally approved.
July 2010	Swansea College and Gorseinon College Corporations dissolve.
August 2010	New legal entity formed.