

Merger benefits three firms

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Togetherness: Syntax, the East Midlands' largest independently owned IT and technical recruitment consultancy, has merged with two other businesses – Arcanza and Software Training Services Ltd. From left, David White, Roger Frost and Maria Peggs

AN IT recruitment company in Derby has merged with two other firms.

Syntax, which is the largest independently owned IT and technical recruitment consultancy in the East Midlands, has merged with Arcanza and Software Training Services.

Syntax, based in College Place, Derby has specialised in contract and permanent recruitment for more than 20 years.

It has now been joined by Arcanza IT Services, which was set up more than 10 years ago.

Arcanza, based in Derby, provides IT support services to small and medium-sized businesses.

Software Training Services has been operating in Heanor for 15 years.

Syntax's Managing Director, Roger Frost, said: "The merger with Arcanza and Software Training Services enables us to expand our offering to businesses throughout the East Midlands. We already have an excellent working relationship with Arcanza who provide IT support to us and to many of our recruitment clients.

"By also bringing in Software Training Services, the training support for businesses is strengthened even further and, for the recruitment side of the business, we can now offer our clients the support they need to train and develop new and existing staff to retain their competitive edge."

Maria Peggs, managing director of Software Training Services, joins Syntax as sales and marketing director for the company's new IT Services division working closely with David White, the technical director of Arcanza.

She will also head up the executive development division of Syntax.

She said: "This is a perfect marriage of businesses as IT support; recruitment, training and development go hand in hand in today's competitive workplace. Investment in new and existing staff ensures that everyone is motivated and capable of handling the challenges they face and have a positive influence on the bottom line through efficient and effective working practices."

Mr White said: "We have always been an innovative company – developing specialist solutions such as Mailminder which reduces the threat of spam to businesses and have secured a coveted Sage 200 Business Partner accreditation which further strengthens our proposition for SMEs.

"By coming together, we can expand and develop the IT services side of the business, which is a vital service to businesses who benefit from the cost and efficiency benefits of outsourcing their IT support and training."