

Meet the new Principals

So who's going to head these new Centres for Learning?

Ann Behan
Principal of Halewood Centre for Learning

Ann's educational career spans more than 30 years, specialising in mathematics and ICT. Ann has been a headteacher in Bolton for 14 years.



Peter Bradley
South Kirkby Catholic Centre for Learning

Peter was born in Liverpool and educated in Knowsley. He has taught in local schools for more than 20 years.

"I intend to continue to serve our students with belief, commitment and drive towards an exciting future."



Madeleine Cotson
Principal of South Huyton Centre for Learning

Madeleine was born in Preston and became headteacher at Bowring Community Sports College in 2002.



Pam Jervis, MBE
Principal of Kirkby Sports College

Pam has taught in Merseyside for more than 30 years.

"I am proud to be a part of the Future Schooling Knowsley programme, as Principal of Kirkby Sports College. Following the successful amalgamation of Brookfield and Ruffwood Secondary Schools, pupils are looking forward to being on one site, which will inspire them to achieve greater academic and sporting success."



Karol Grabowski
Principal of Christ the King Centre for Learning, North Huyton

Karol was born in London, and has taught for more than 30 years.

"I'm really looking forward to the opportunities the new Centre for Learning will afford to students and the local community alike."



Martyn Campbell
Principal of Whiston & Prescott Catholic Centre for Learning

Martyn has worked in Knowsley for more than 30 years.

"I am proud to be part of the future of Knowsley education in which all the local communities can benefit and prosper."



Marian Farrell
Principal of Whiston & Prescott Community Centre for Learning

Marian has taught since 1986.

"The new Centre of Learning will provide a superb learning environment, which serve the needs of the local community and provide a first class education for every individual."

Ain't no stopping these youngsters

The Knowsley Singers recently managed to beat US Presidential candidate Barack Obama into second place on YouTube with their 'anthem for change'.

The Knowsley Singers, a choir made up of 45 pupils from all of the secondary schools across Knowsley, have recorded a cover of the McFadden & Whitehead hit 'Ain't No Stopping Us Now' at the historic and prestigious Parr Street Studio in Liverpool, where acts such as Coldplay, Doves, Embrace, Elbow and Badly Drawn Boy have recorded songs in the past.

It is their own 'anthem for change', and has been used to launch the awareness raising campaign for Knowsley's new Centres for Learning.

The video of the recording at Parr Street Studio is posted on YouTube, and has received more than 300 hits, making it more popular than the videos posted to support Barack Obama's 'anthem for change' campaign as he bids to become the next President of the United States of America.



The Knowsley Singers have performed at school assemblies and other events throughout the summer, including this year's Celebration of Achievement Awards at the Liverpool Philharmonic.

To see the video on YouTube, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-r_MThsaAY
A copy of the video is also available on Knowsley Council's website: www.knowsley.gov.uk/news/news_archive/2008/08/2008_08_11_01.html

"This is about inspiring young people about the future of schooling in Knowsley. It reflects our ambition as a council to raise educational aspirations and achievement in the borough."

Cllr Graham Wright,
Knowsley's Cabinet Member for Children & Family Services



Where can I get further information on the new Centres for Learning?

Visit the future schooling webpages: www.knowsley.gov.uk/education/future_schooling/

You can also find out more on the Teachers website resource: www.teachernet.gov.uk/

Who to contact: Future Schooling in Knowsley Phone: 0443 3232

Write to or visit: Directorate of Children and Family Services, Huyton Hey Road, Huyton, Knowsley, L36 5YH

Email: info.fsk@knowsley.gov.uk

Centres for learning - inspiring, exploring, achieving



Knowsley Council

So what's different about the new Centres for Learning?

Take a look...

There has been a great build-up to the new state of the art Centres for Learning, which will replace the existing secondary schools in Knowsley. But what is it that makes them so different, so much better than current facilities? Take a look at these unique features...

Traditional corridors have been replaced with 'learning streets', where students can choose to study or socialise at the comfortable seats and coffee tables.

The furniture is more comfortable for students, giving good back support, as well as looking colourful and fun.

They will open longer, often until 10pm, at weekends and during school holidays.

They will be used by the wider community for sport, cultural and leisure activities.

Canteens and school meals are a thing of the past, with a central dining area providing breakfast, mid-morning snacks and lunch.



Traditional entrances are replaced with a very impressive large open space which is the heart of the Centre and can be used for a variety of activities.

They will be centres for lifelong learning, community use and a point of information about council services.

Technology is changing the way we learn and the Centres for Learning will promote a learn anywhere, anytime philosophy.



Ground source heat pumps will help to provide 20% of the heating, transferring heat from the ground and providing hot water.



There will also be Food2Go cafes on each floor of the centre, to avoid long queues.

Gone are the days of cash - staff and pupils will be able to use a personalised 'smart card' to pay for food and drinks.



There will be a winter garden, so the community can enjoy watching the tree grow inside the Centre.

All pupils will have their own laptop so they can be more mobile around the Centre.



The external façade of the building has been designed to use dry cladding systems, which has made building easier, whatever the weather unlike



brickwork. Each year will have their own area which they can personalise, with the flexibility of making some workspaces larger or smaller, depending on the subject being taught.



Each floor has a terrace, where students can break out into smaller groups, or use to relax in their own time.

Countdown to the new Centres for learning

2009

January
Christ the King
North Huyton

June
Halewood Centre
for Learning

September
Whiston & Prescot Community
Centre for Learning

January
South Kirkby Catholic
Centre for Learning

South Huyton
Centre for Learning
Kirkby Sports College

2010

Whiston & Prescot Catholic
Centre for Learning