### 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.

**Karol Grabowski** 

KingCentre for

than 30 years.

Principal of Christ the

Learning, North Huyton

Karol was born in London,

and has taught for more







**Martyn Campbell Principal of Whiston** & Prescot Catholic **Centre for Learning** Martyn has worked in Knowsley for more than 30 years.

"I am proud to be part

**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.





**Marian Farrell Principal of Whiston** & Prescot Community **Centre for Learning** Marian has taught since 1986.

"The new Centre of provide a first class education for every

#### **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.

Following the successful Brookfield and being on one site,

## 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 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

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.





To see the video on YouTube, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-r\_MThsaAY Knowslev Council's website: www.knowsley.gov.uk/news/news\_archive/

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"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



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





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

# Take all

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.

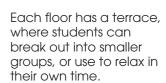
All pupils will have their own laptop so they can be more mobile around the Centre.



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



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.



#### 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

South Kirkby Catholic Centre for Learning

**January** 

South Huyton Centre for Learning

Kirkby Sports College

2010

Whiston & Prescot Catholic Centre for Learning