

# Manchester Communication Academy

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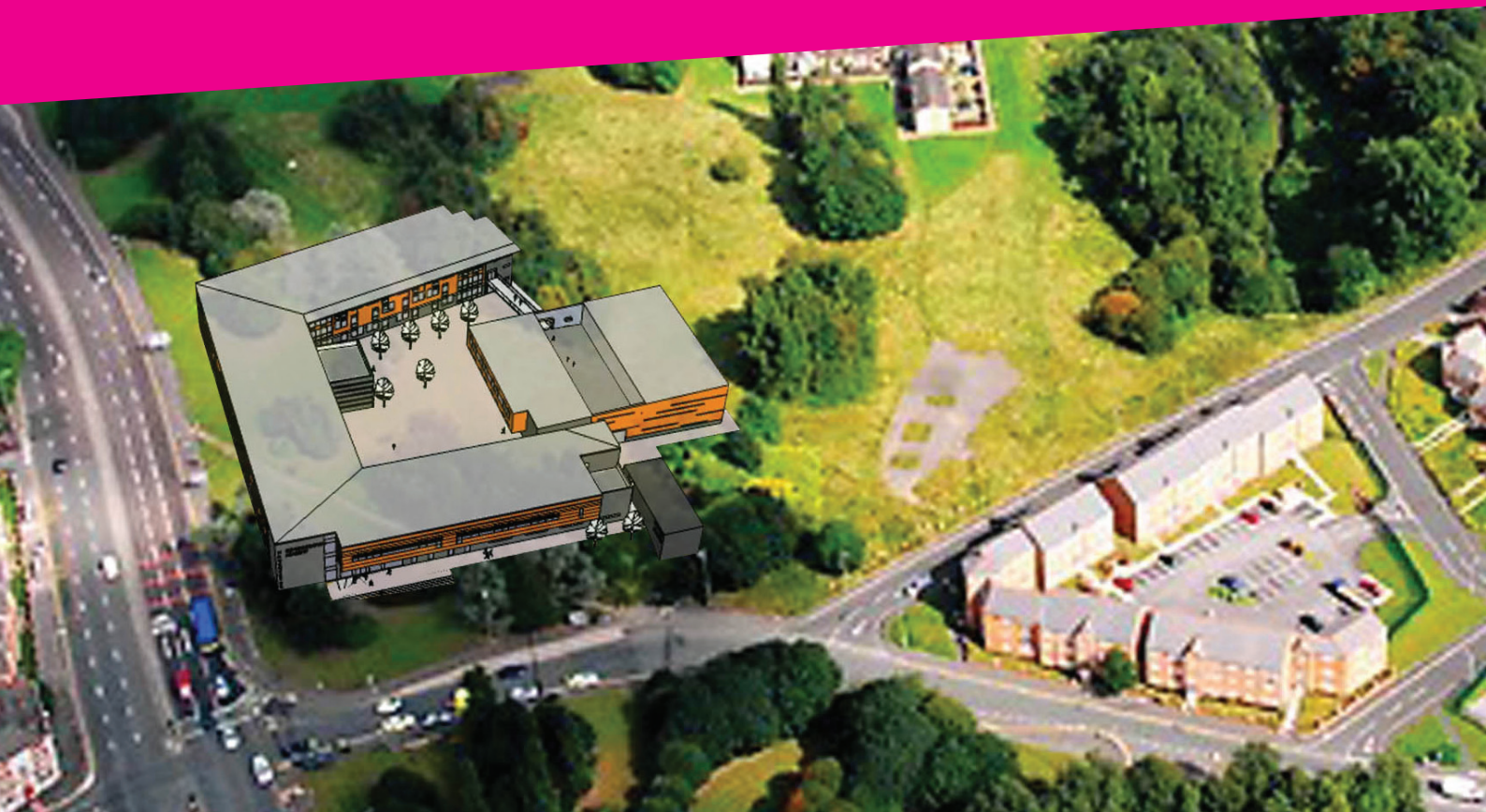


*The Manchester  
Communication  
Academy is a brand  
new high school in  
North Manchester.*

Year seven students will be able to learn at this amazing new school from September 2010. Along with some students who are over sixteen, they will be the only people to join the school in 2010 and have the chance to experience all the brand new facilities! The school will have fantastic sports facilities, the latest technology and a brand new drama studio.

The new school is being built at the corner of Rochdale Road and Queens Road, in Harpurhey. Students at the Academy will learn about many subjects, including the school's specialist subject of communication. Young people will learn different forms of communication connected to languages, speaking and listening, drama, media and presentation skills. Using the latest computers and technology, everyone who comes to the Academy will also be able to learn about digital communication and information communication technology (ICT).

Students will learn about teamwork and leadership by taking part in real life projects with BT, who are a lead partner for the Academy. This is a great way of understanding what happens at work and what jobs and careers are available.



# meet the Principal



My name is Lynne Heath and I am the Principal of the Manchester Communication Academy. I'm really excited about the new school opening in September 2010.

Our school will help everyone to learn in the best way for them. We want to give young people the best possible start to their secondary education. Our school will give students the chance to use their imagination, enthusiasm and talents in a safe and secure environment. Our new website **www.manchestercommunicationacademy.com** is now up and running, and we would welcome ideas and views as we develop the Academy. We will also be holding information sessions in early September for prospective students and their parents.

Look out for more detail on these sessions on our website and in the local newspapers.

*Lynne Heath*  
Principal Designate

## Local children report for school

**The Academy will be a local high school for local young people but it is also being built for everyone in the community. Local people will be able to use the buildings, computers and internet access, and the sports facilities.**

To help find out what local people want to see in the Manchester Communication Academy and how they would like to use it, year five pupils from schools in North Manchester have trained as community reporters.



They have worked with People's Voice Media and the North West Manchester City Learning Centre to find out how to interview people, use a video camera and edit video to make reports. The Academy community reporters have carried out interviews in shopping centres, schools and community centres to find out the views of local people about the new Academy

**Watch out for them at community events over the summer!**

# What's special about the Manchester Communication Academy?

The Academy will be open for longer hours and throughout the school holidays, and we will provide organised clubs and activities for young people in the area.

Our curriculum will be personalised to the learner - every student will have a learning guide and a personal study plan. Learning will be at the students' own pace, taking exams as and when they are ready for them. We will eventually offer a range of GCSE, Diploma and A level courses.

Students will be able to do their homework at the Academy before and after school, with access to staff and resources. Parents will also be able to help with studies by accessing online updates, reports and information sessions.

Our facilities will be available for community use at the end of the day and at weekends.

The Academy will have six brand new sports pitches including a flood-lit all weather surface, three additional outdoor games areas and a large sports hall. Healthy lifestyles are a key to success!

*The whole Academy site will be wireless so that students can access the internet and use technology anywhere around the building...*



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# Your questions answered...

## When does the Academy open?

The Academy opens in September 2010 for year seven and up to 60 year 12 students, who will be the only ones to learn at the Academy for a whole year. New students will join in each year until the school will eventually be full in 2015!

## Why is the school only open to years seven and 12 in 2010?

There is no existing high school in Harpurhey, so we are able to build a new school culture from the ground up. It is very important to us that everyone gets a chance to find and grow their talents and to learn as an individual.

## Where is the Academy?

The Academy is being built right now at the corner of Rochdale Road and Queens Road in Harpurhey, North Manchester.

## What will it be like to learn there?

Learning at the Academy will be exciting, challenging and rewarding. We aim to help all of our students to acquire the skills required for a successful future.

## Who will go to the Academy?

Local children from primary schools in North Manchester and surrounding areas will go to the Academy. The Academy is a local high school for all.

## How will I get to school every day?

You could walk, cycle or take the bus. Some of the local bus routes will be changed to go past the Academy every morning and evening. If you do cycle to school there will be bike racks so that you can keep your bike safe.

## How do I apply for a place in the Academy?

Year six students will get a letter from Manchester City Council in September 2009 telling them how to apply. At the same time teachers will give all students a form for them to fill in with their parents. This form can also be filled in online.

It will take a team of construction workers more than 600,000 hours to build the Academy.

### Partners



## Find out more...

Find out more about the Academy on the school's own website at [www.manchestercommunicationacademy.com](http://www.manchestercommunicationacademy.com)

You can also e-mail us if you have any questions, or if you would like to tell us what you think, or what you would like to see in the Academy, on [info@manchestercommunicationacademy.com](mailto:info@manchestercommunicationacademy.com), or write to us at The Manchester Communication Academy, Harpurhey, Manchester, c/o BT City Business Suite, 1 Portland Street, Manchester, M1 3BE.