



Improving education to create opportunities and tackle inequalities

A £100 million investment in new buildings at three secondary schools and city-wide ICT infrastructure over the next three-and-a-half years will ensure that all Peterborough's secondary school pupils enjoy a 21st century learning environment.

The investment will provide:

- £20 million new buildings for the Ormiston Bushfield Academy, which launched in September 2009 using the existing 30-year-old premises of the former Bushfield Community College. Construction will begin in autumn 2010 with completion due in summer 2012;
- £40 million new premises for Stanground College and £20 million improvements at Orton Longueville School – both due for completion in summer 2013.
- £20 million (equal to £1,675 for each pupil) for ICT infrastructure and a managed ICT service for all local authority secondary schools. This will enable collaborative working between schools, accelerating the transformation of teaching and giving pupils access to 24/7 anywhere, anytime learning.

These projects will complete Peterborough's secondary schools renewal programme, which has so far provided:

- Construction of the £50 million 2,200-pupil Thomas Deacon Academy, which replaced Deacon's School, John Mansfield School, and Hereward Community College in 2007.
- Construction of a £26 million 1,600-pupil Voyager School, which opened in September 2007, replacing Walton School and Bretton Community School; and new £15 million buildings for St John Fisher Catholic High School, which opened in 2009.
- Expansion and improvement projects at: Arthur Mellows Village College (£8.4m), Jack Hunt School (£10.7m), Ken Stimpson Community School (£8.3m) and The King's School (£9.1m).
- The £21 million first phase of Hampton College, which opened in September 2005 with the aim of progressively growing to accommodate 1,250 students in 2010.

With support from a £60,000 programme provided by the National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services each local authority secondary school is now developing a 'strategy for change' to ensure the improvements in school buildings are matched by a transformation in the delivery of learning.

These improvements are seen as a 'once-in-a-lifetime opportunity' to transform the learning experience for pupils. This will raise educational attainment and stimulate career aspirations among pupils – especially those from deprived backgrounds – while making in schools imaginative, stimulating hubs of their communities.

Pupils are being involved in the current phase of new school building through participation in a 'joinedupdesign' project organised by the Sorrell Foundation.