



## Not a classroom - a launchpad centre!

A FUTURISTIC classroom has opened at a Farnborough school – complete with “talking ceiling tiles”.

Wavell School is spearheading a Government sponsored scheme to take teaching into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The “Launchpad Centre” is a far cry from the days of a teacher writing on a blackboard with a piece of chalk. Voices of those addressing the class are relayed through a sound system incorporated in the ceiling tiles.

There isn't a wire in sight either, with the 15 personal computers and 15 laptop computers being operated by the latest wireless technology.

Stuart Hicken, the school's assistant head, said: “We have created a flexible learning space which meets the needs of learners in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

“One of our aims is to use modern technology to improve the communication skills of youngsters – something that businesses are constantly telling us is as important to them as good GCSE grades.”

The centre has been fitted out by Saville Audio Visual. Later this year the company intends to



● **Dr Sally Howes, SBAC's Director General, officially opens the new IT Suite at Wavell School.**

integrate a videoconferencing facility into the system.

The school, which has specialist technology status, is one of 30 chosen by the Government to pioneer its “Classrooms of the Future” project.