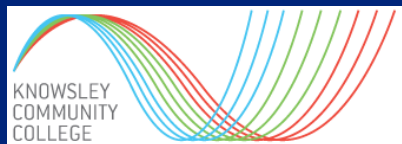


# Knowsley Community College



## Sector: Education

## Equipment covered :

Fire alarm control  
panels

Smoke detectors

Heat detectors

Surface mounted  
manual call points

Emergency lighting

Disabled refuge

Fire extinguishers

Automated kitchen fire  
suppression system



**Being one of only 40 FE Colleges in the Country who have achieved Beacon College status, Knowsley Community College; with sites in Roby and Kirkby on the outskirts of Liverpool; are one of the UK's leading Further Education providers.**

With a broad church of academic and vocational qualifications on offer, combined with a wide spectrum of extra-curricular 'enrichment' activities, Knowsley Community College provides a well rounded personal development experience for its students, as well as ongoing career progression for the lecturers and staff.

At the heart of the college is the desire to nurture, value and develop each student to achieve their maximum potential, and as part of this philosophy; as with any publicly accessible education environment; providing a safe and secure learning environment is key to these aims.

To harmoniously achieve these joint aims, the College management team needed a fire and security company willing to work in close partnership with them, to

minimise the amount of disruption to classes whilst ensuring the highest levels of protection. This was why, back in 2003; the fire, security, communications and life safety system experts at Thompson Group Services (TGS) in Leyland were called in to help.

Over the intervening years, the Thompson Group Engineers have developed a detailed service and maintenance schedule to protect all of the College's sites, whilst minimising any disturbance to the day to day operations.

All scheduled maintenance and upgrade works are arranged during College holidays when the students are off site; and any reactive calls; which are few and far between; are classed as high priority, providing a maximum 4 hour reaction time to ensure the most effective level of protection.

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## Case Study



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As with most businesses, keeping operating costs to a minimum is critical to ensure the continued financial security of the organisation; which is why, when the existing closed protocol fire panels were coming to the end of their operational life, the College team contacted The Thompson Group to discuss the most cost effective solution for their future needs.

With 14 fire panels and nearly 600 devices across two sites, the upgrade of the fire detection and protection could have been a very expensive operation. However, by moving to an open protocol system the TGS Engineers have installed a future proofed system, which can be easily expanded at any time, using the most cost effective equipment available.

This change of protocol also meant that the existing smoke detectors, heat detectors and sounders could be retained and remain 100% effective on the new system, thus saving a significant sum of money.

In addition to updating the original fire system, Thompson Group Services also maintain the disabled refuge, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers across

the college estate to provide comprehensive protection.

The TGS engineers have also recently upgraded the level of fire protection in the College kitchens with the installation of two Ansul Kitchen Fire Suppression systems. These wet chemical deluge systems are retro-fitted to the cookers and provide a temporary blanket of foam to cover the fire whilst simultaneously shutting off the fuel source to effectively extinguish the fire in the shortest possible time.

Knowing that their students, staff, visitors and premises are fully protected with a comprehensive, yet cost effective fire detection and protection system, the College can concentrate on doing what they do best – working in partnership to improve learning, skills, aspirations and employability.

So if you are looking for comprehensive fire and security systems to be designed, installed and maintained by a dedicated team of specialist Engineers who are 'Committed to Delivering Excellence' on every job, then why not give the Thompson Group Services team a call on 01772 641226.

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