



Countdown to the Opening of the New Building

The Junior Activity Floor

An interview with our Activities Co-ordinator Kelly Man

• *Kelly, what is your role at the LRC?*

Working in the Recreation Department, I am in charge of organising all recreational activities and lessons in the Club with the exception of the regular sporting activities that we offer like tennis, swimming, and indoor sports. Junior activities are a major area of responsibility for me.

• *Will the junior activity floor open in September or even before the grand opening?*

The Junior Activity floor will officially open in September, although we may preview some facilities during August.

• *What would you say about the junior activity floor in the new building compared with the existing facilities?*

The Junior Activity floor will be much better than our existing facilities. At the moment, venues for junior classes and leisure are scattered all around the Club. With this floor in place, activities and lessons will be concentrated in one area outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment.

• *Who are the target users?*

The original concept of the Junior Activity floor was planned for young people 10 years old and above. However, most of the lessons we offer for children cater to kids younger than this age. We will therefore allow children younger than 10 inside the floor with the exception of the teen's room.

• *How many studios are there? Are they well-equipped and soundproofed?*

There will be four studios in the floor. Each will be equipped with TV monitors and modern tools for our lessons. They will also be soundproofed and the lighting is to be designed conducive to the activities we offer.

• *Is food allowed?*

There will be no food allowed inside the floor. However, food is available at the Bowling Alley Snack Bar.

• *Any computers available there?*

There will be no computers available in the Junior Activity area. Computers will be provided at the new library.

• *Besides pool and table tennis, are you planning to have something new such as video games? Would be great if you can create a small game arcade there. It's very hard to find someone to play pool or table tennis with between class break.*

At the moment, pool, air hockey and table tennis are the only ones proposed for the floor. We will consider other activities after we have seen how the various spaces are used.

• *What is in the teen room? Can anyone use the room?*

The teen room, as the title implies, is designed for teenagers only. Outfitted with comfortable sofas and TV screens, this is a place for them to hang out and relax.

• *What about the younger children?*

Younger children can still use the Harry Wright room to hang around where the Junior Library will still be located.

• *Will a staff supervise the whole floor?*

Yes, there will be a staff to supervise the whole floor.

• *Since the LRC will have more facilities available for children and teenagers after the new building opens, will you organise more activities?*

Definitely. We have a lot of activities in mind. However, because of the limited facilities we have today, we have difficulties in putting them in place. With the opening of the new building, we will now have a chance to put our plans into action.

• *Will there be any special events to celebrate the opening of the floor? Any prizes?*

Yes. The events will coincide with the opening celebration of the whole building.