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PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS HEAD TO MANCHESTER



Photography students recently explored the city of Manchester!

They visited the Manchester Art Gallery to gain inspiration for their future projects, before discovering shoot locations in hidden corners of Manchester.

They were even lucky enough to use some flowers left by a wedding party in their photography.



PROLIFIC DJ ALUMNUS RETURNS TO INSPIRE NEXT GENERATION

Our Music department had a visit from former student, Josh Butler, who has released music with prestigious record labels such as Roush, Cajul, Madtech, Noir and more, following his debut release, "Got A Feeling" in 2013.

Josh's music has seen him tour the globe with multiple European, US and Australian tours. He has also held numerous Ibiza residencies and even performed a set at Glastonbury!

After having some of European tour dates cancelled due to Covid restrictions, Josh sought to give back to his local community by returning to College to inspire and collaborate with current students.



Josh's
Spotify



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NAIL STUDENTS VISIT WORLD-RENOWNED SALON

Students took a trip to the incredible Nails by Annabel salon!

The flagship salon is also the headquarters for Glitterbels, the world-famous acrylic nail products that our students use throughout their studies.

The students had the chance to meet Annabel Maginnis, founder of Glitterbels, and Head Trainer, Charli Jepson, to learn more about their products and how Annabel started her business.

Feeling inspired, the students were then able to mix their own acrylic powders in the Glitterbels Training Academy, which they took home with them along with a goodie bag.





CATERING STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT ALL-STAR EVENT

Catering students put their skills into practice at the Marina DalGLISH Ball at Knowsley Hall back in February.

They worked alongside Knowsley Hall's Head Chef, Gareth Boulton, and his team to create a selection of delicious canapés and courses for guests at the renowned event.



Left to right: **Jess, Ryan, James, Sasha & Rhys**



STUDENTS SECURE INCREDIBLE WORK EXPERIENCE WITH INDUSTRIAL LIGHT AND MAGIC

Students were selected to take part in a three-day work placement with award-winning visual FX producer, Industrial Light and Magic.

A division of Lucasfilm, Industrial Light and Magic has produced visual effects and animation for a number of film and TV productions, such as The Batman, The Mandalorian and Avengers: End Game.

The three-day virtual placement gave students a unique first-hand experience of visual effects and animation in practice. They shadowed expert VFX co-ordinators, learning about ILM's pipeline and creation process whilst developing a deeper understanding of the technical work that goes into creating dense digital environments and visual effects used in blockbuster productions like Spiderman: Far From Home and Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker.



**INDUSTRIAL
LIGHT & MAGIC**

CABIN CREW STUDENTS DIVE INTO WATER SURVIVAL ASSESSMENT

Our Cabin Crew students made a splash at the Fleetwood Nautical Campus as they took part in their Water Survival Assessment.

They received in-depth water survival theory before participating in water survival techniques in the pool, including evacuating

into a life raft, survival training practice using each other as passengers and a simulated helicopter rescue.

All students passed the assessment with flying colours!



GOLD IN THE PIPELINE FOR GAS ENGINEERING APPRENTICE

Gas Engineering Apprentice, Andrew achieved first place in the regional heat of the HIP Magazine Learner of the Year 2022 competition!

Andrew competed against students from other colleges across the North West, completing an installation designed by Jerry Whiteley, Technical Manager at the Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering (CIPHE) and Head Judge of the competition.

The installation was judged on correct measurements, pipe bending, soldering standards, wastage of materials and the quality of finish, including dirty walls and safe working.

He is now through to the national heat where he will go up against finalists from across the country for the title.





JOHNNY VEGAS PROVIDES COMIC RELIEF FOR RED NOSE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Comedy legend, Johnny Vegas, made a surprise visit to our Knowsley Main Campus for some Comic Relief fun with Supported Learning students.

Full of Red Nose Day spirit, Johnny enjoyed chair Zumba and was then challenged to take part in 'The Red Nose and Spoon Race', before handing out prizes to the winning students and posing for photographs.

The students had a brilliant morning, although the same can't be said for Johnny who let his team down with his 'fixed' spoon. We can't all be winners!



SPORT STUDENTS COMPLETE TAG RUGBY LEADERS AWARD

20 Sports students recently had an amazing opportunity to complete their Tag Rugby Leaders Award with the Saints Community Development Foundation!

Tag Rugby is a minimal contact version of rugby and for many of our students, this was their first experience of the sport.

Covering both the theory and practical elements of the game, they have now gained the skills to deliver an outstanding PE and sports experience for young people.



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT WELCOMES MORE THAN 30 NEW SPECIES

Our Animal Management department has welcomed lots of new residents including a 6ft python, a razor-backed musk turtle, a group of jungle nymphs, 2 Boer goats, 3 red eyed tree frogs, 1 baby snake and a baby African bullfrog.

Did you know that our indoor and outdoor animal units house over 65 different species?



PUBLIC AND UNIFORMED SERVICES STUDENTS FUNDRAISE FOR AMPUTATION FOUNDATION

Students raised more than £1,000 for charity, Amputation Foundation following a collection of activities and fundraising events as part of the National Citizen Service programme.

The activities included a litter pick around the College campus and town centre, a bake sale, a sponsored walk up Moel Famau and a boot camp fitness session at the top of the hill.



STUDENTS ACHIEVE FIRST AID QUALIFICATION

Early Years students recently completed Paediatric First Aid training with Daisy First Aid.

They covered the essential elements of children's first aid, including how to spot signs and symptoms of illness, the recovery position and choking.

All students passed the training and will now be able to add this to their CV!



Paul Machin, co-founder of the award winning 'Redmen TV', came into College to inspire our Creative Media and Computing and IT students.

Paul spoke to the students about how the fan owned podcast and streaming service was started, including the different roles they have within their team.



Creative Media student, Libby also had the opportunity to interview Paul for a documentary she is working on about the rise of women's football, as part of her Documentary Making unit.



STUDENTS GO BEHIND THE SCENES AT SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE

Construction students went on an exclusive behind the scenes tour of the Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot.



The Shakespeare North Playhouse is an extraordinary 470-seat theatre, modelled on a cockpit-in-court theatre, designed by celebrated architect, Inigo Jones in the 17th century.

Leading construction firm, Kier, gave the students a guided tour of the site as it neared completion.



CROWN

DECORATING CENTRES

OVER 125 LITRES OF PAINT DONATED

Our Painting and Decorating department received a donation of over 125 litres of Crown Trade paint products from the St Helens Crown Decorating Centre.



This generous donation will support students and apprentices to broaden their skillset, whilst developing their knowledge of the latest paint products.

ART AND DESIGN STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR ARTISTIC TALENTS

Art and Design students conducted an interactive, live demonstration in our Knowsley Main Campus foyer.

The students used a variety of drawing techniques and tools to create unique pieces, whilst encouraging other students to get involved. They also exhibited their work, including their impressive visual diaries!





ST HELENS COLLEGE UNVEILS £1M CENTRE FOR PRECISION ENGINEERING

We welcomed Steve Rotheram, Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, to officially unveil our new Centre for Precision Engineering at the STEM Centre, Technology Campus.

The £1m investment, partially funded by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, supported the installation of brand-new

industry standard machinery and equipment such as Wi-Fi enabled Haas CNC Machines, Axis Lathes, Milling Machines and Haas Simulators, to provide students and apprentices with the opportunity to develop their skills and learn all aspects of modern precision engineering including design, testing, manufacturing and operations.

Left to right: **Bill Nixon**, Chair of Governors, **Steve Rotheram**, Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, **Simon Pierce**, CEO and Principal, **Cllr Sue Murphy**, Mayor of St Helens and **Rav Garcha**, Deputy CEO and Chief Financial Officer.



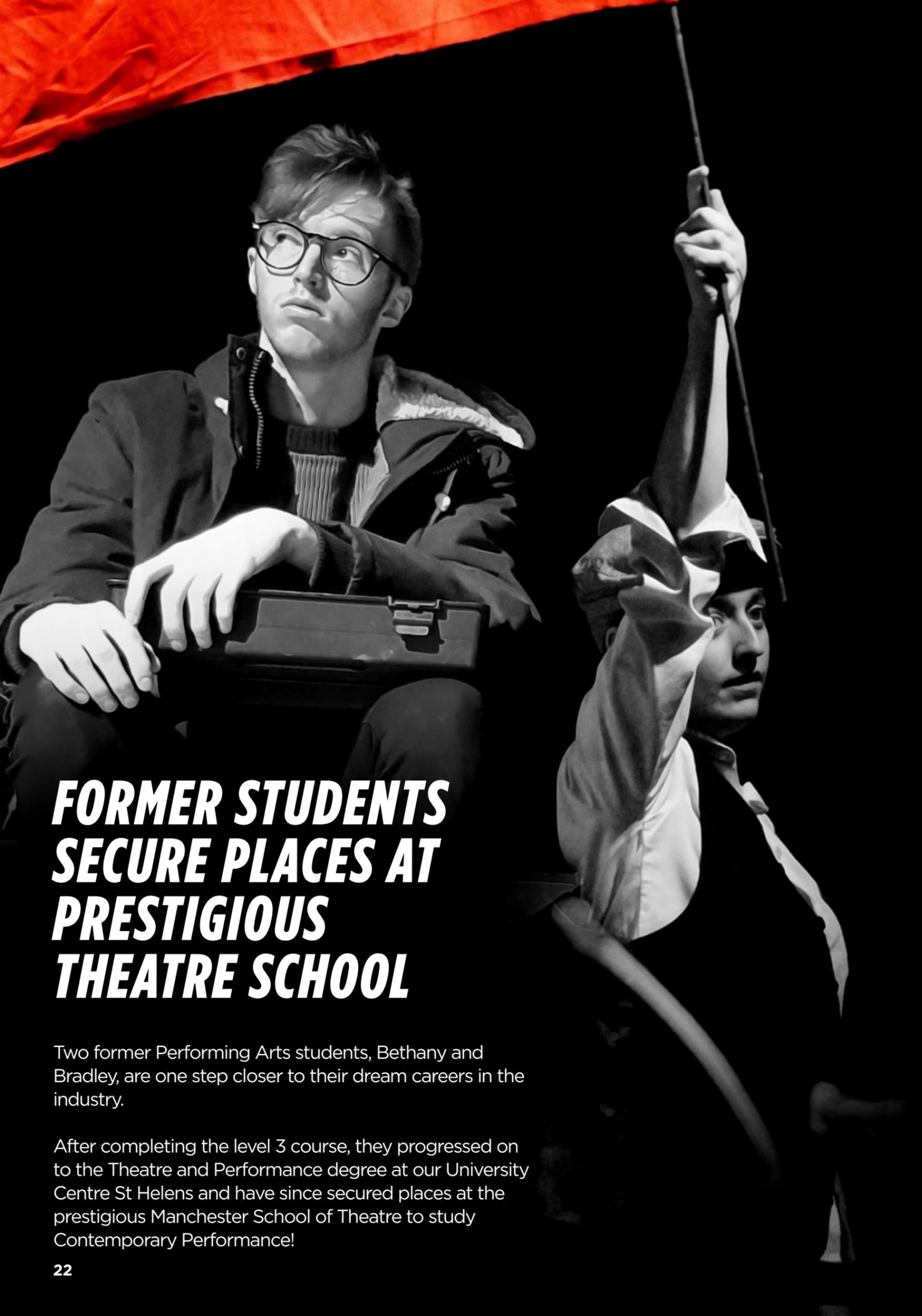
World Book Day



Staff and students put on their best costumes and dressed up as characters from a number of books, comics and manga for World Book Day.

Students also took part in book-related activities, including a Mystery Reader Trail, an Author Quiz, Stories on Screen and a Creative Writing Club.





FORMER STUDENTS SECURE PLACES AT PRESTIGIOUS THEATRE SCHOOL

Two former Performing Arts students, Bethany and Bradley, are one step closer to their dream careers in the industry.

After completing the level 3 course, they progressed on to the Theatre and Performance degree at our University Centre St Helens and have since secured places at the prestigious Manchester School of Theatre to study Contemporary Performance!



SKILLS SHOW INSPIRES BUDDING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

During British Science Week, we hosted our annual Healthcare Science Skills Show, bringing together healthcare professionals, industry experts and universities to inspire school and sixth form students from across the region.

More than 150 students received first-hand insight into the career opportunities available in the sector and took part in a number of interactive events and activities throughout the day.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MECHANICAL ENGINEERING APPRENTICE



During National Apprenticeship Week, we caught up with Mechanical Engineering Apprentice, Rebecca, and her employer, Paul, the Managing Director at Cheshire Seals & Components.

We were given exclusive access to film Rebecca going about her day-to-day responsibilities in the workshop, whilst talking to her about why she loves her apprenticeship.

“ I have always loved discovering how things work and prefer to learn in a practical way, so an engineering apprenticeship was the perfect choice for me. I have learnt so much both at College and in the workplace and it is great to be training for my career whilst earning a wage.

Rebecca ”

Watch the
video here!



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CABIN CREW STUDENTS OFF TO A FLYING START IN THEIR CAREERS

We celebrated the success of our level 2 Cabin Crew students during our Wings Graduation Ceremony alongside proud family and friends.

Following what has been a difficult two years for the travel and tourism industry, our students have shown resilience and determination and are a true credit to the department.

All students have successfully secured full-time, permanent employment with Jet2 and will embark on a 4-week intensive training programme over the coming weeks.



STUDENTS WORK BEHIND THE SCENES AT LIVERPOOL AQUARIUM

Level 3 Animal Management students went behind the scenes of the newly refurbished aquarium at Liverpool's World Museum.

The students got hands-on, emptying and maintaining two of their large exhibits, conducted water quality tests, fed all of the fish, and provided food and enrichment for their resident octopus.



★★ WE STAND WITH ★★ UKRAINE

From donating essential items to hosting cake and coffee mornings and raffles, we are proud of our staff and students for raising **£1,070** in aid of Ukraine!

Some examples of their generosity include Computing and IT students baking and selling delicious Ukraine-themed cakes, and Art and Design students hosting their very own pop-up shop, selling bespoke pieces of work such as handmade ceramic dishes, decorative printed cards and tote bags.



STUDENTS COLLABORATE ON SPOOKY LOOKS

Level 1 Hairdressing students and Level 3 Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Makeup students worked together to create impressive spooky looks as part of their assessments.



EXPERIENCE DAY

2022

Take part in interactive sample lessons in your chosen subject, make new friends and celebrate the start of summer with a live DJ, photo booth fun, inflatables and much more!

Book your place now!



MONDAY 4TH JULY

9.00AM – 3.00PM

www.knowsleycollege.ac.uk/experience-day



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FRIDAY 8TH JULY

9.00AM – 3.00PM

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