



St Helens College

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March 2019

KYLE IS HEADING FOR SUCCESS

Catering alumnus, Kyle, has landed a highly sought after role as Commis Chef at Chef Patron, Paul Askew's, exclusive fine dining restaurant, The Art School!



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Celebrating Visitor Economy Week 2019

We recently took part in a variety of exciting activities and events in support of Visitor Economy Week 2019.

The annual celebration, which took place from 4th to the 8th February, brought together staff and students across a range of departments, to highlight some of the fantastic career opportunities that exist within the thriving tourism industry - an industry worth £4.5bn and supporting over 53,000 jobs.

To launch the week, catering and hospitality students attended Liverpool Football Club to prepare and serve breakfast canapés to guests including Liverpool City Region Metro Mayor, Steve Rotherham and key representatives and stakeholders within the visitor economy.

Our events team were also present during the

Liverpool City Region Skills Show, welcoming schools from across the region, to demonstrate the range of options available to them after school.

The celebrations continued with the College hosting an employer focused Skills Show, to highlight a wide range of career opportunities to students. Students had the opportunity to meet industry professionals and participate in a range of interactive activities. Employers exhibiting at the event included Greene King Brewery, Dermalogica, Haven, Airbus, Aintree Racecourse and L'Oréal.

Visitor Economy Week concluded with the annual celebratory dinner at The Richmond Hotel in Liverpool, where catering, hospitality and travel students played a key role in providing first-class customer service during the evening.



Make It Work Robotics Challenge

Schools from across the borough recently descended on St Helens College's STEM Centre, Technology Campus, to compete to become the ultimate Robotics Challenge Champions.

All About STEM, the team behind The Big Bang Northwest, are hosting a series of heats across the Liverpool City Region, giving students a fantastic opportunity to build a VEX robot and battle it out in an exciting arena-style competition.

The competition, supported by the Liverpool City Region Metro Mayor, Steve Rotheram and

sponsored by CAL International, is designed to highlight the exciting range of careers within manufacturing and engineering.

After impressive competition from each school, winning champions of the St Helens heat were Haydock High School.

The winning school will now progress to the prestigious Grand Final taking place later in the school year, where they will compete against other heat finalists, to be crowned 'Make It Work LCR Robot Challenge Champions 2018/2019'.



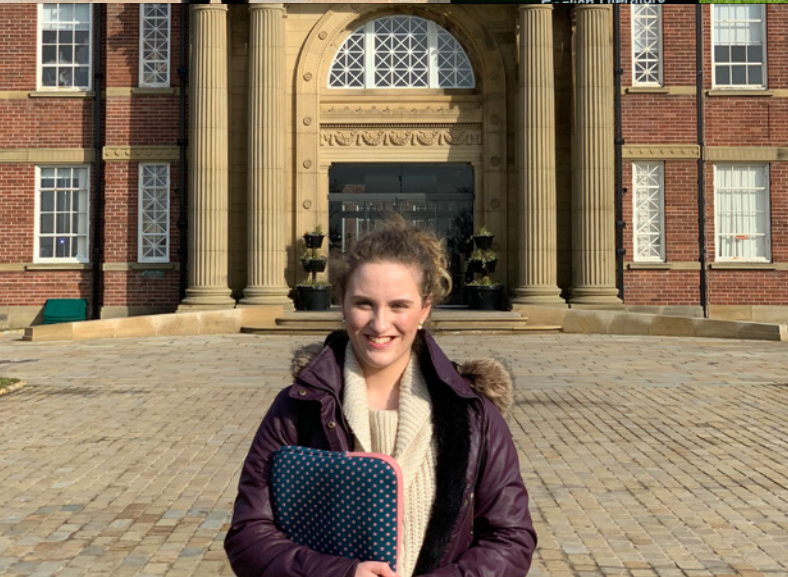
Filming Behind-the-Scenes

Our Connecting Classroom to Career Ambassadors made their acting debut in front of the camera recently, sharing their stories on film to inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

Our film crew visited Ellie at Edge Hill University's Campus to explore how she is settling into university life since progressing from our A Level Academy. Kyle dazzled us with his cooking skills in Colours' kitchen while talking us through his new role at The Art School, in Liverpool.

Watch their stories unfold at www.sthelensac.uk/Kyle and www.sthelensac.uk/Ellie.





Blazing a Trail for National Apprenticeship Week

In support of National Apprenticeship Week 2019, we celebrated the outstanding successes of our current apprentices, while promoting apprenticeship opportunities to young people and demonstrating how employers can 'fire up' their business with an apprentice.

A whole host of exciting and informative activities took place throughout the week, from 4th March to 8th March, from the school liaison team providing apprenticeship information sessions to young people at several schools across the borough, to an 'Apprenticeship Roadshow', sharing CV tips and guidance on how to search and apply for apprenticeship vacancies.

Currently offering apprenticeships in over 20 different sectors, ranging from engineering and science to business, beauty, and computing,

the College has over 700 apprentices with high profile employers; including Thermo Fisher Scientific, NHS, CAL International, Yorkshire Repak, MGF and Bagnalls Painting and Decorating.

In addition to planned activities, several of our amazing apprentices featured in a week-long social media campaign to inspire and encourage others to follow in their footsteps and choose an apprenticeship to 'fire up' their future careers.

One of our featured apprentices, Ash studied the level 3 Diploma in Engineering Technologies: Mechanical Engineering at St Helens College before securing an impressive apprenticeship with established organisation, CAL International. He has since progressed on to a HNC in Mechanical Engineering, fully funded by his employer.





Aspiring Aerospace Engineer

Aspiring Aerospace Engineer, Ash, secured an innovative mechanical engineering apprenticeship with CAL International, and has since progressed to a HNC in Mechanical Engineering.

Ash, originally from Sri Lanka, had a unique opportunity as a child to experience living in two different countries after moving to Modena, Italy at the age of 7 and then to the UK at the age of 16.

It was during this time that Ash discovered his ambition to become an Engineer - a key driving force behind him moving to the UK with his family, so that he could work towards gaining the qualifications needed to launch his career in the industry.

Upon moving to the UK, Ash joined the level 2 Diploma in Engineering Technologies: Mechanical Engineering at St Helens College, before successfully progressing on to the level 3 Diploma in Engineering Technologies: Mechanical Engineering, where he secured an apprenticeship with one of the top engineering

companies in the country, CAL International.

Employer, CAL International, was so impressed with Ash's progress during his apprenticeship, that he now holds a permanent position within the company as a CAD Design Engineer.

So far, Ash has had the amazing opportunity to gain impressive experience, working with high profile clients such as Bentley, Jaguar Land Rover and NeedleSmart.

Ash added, "My ultimate goal is to become a skilled and experienced multi-disciplined Aerospace Engineer, in which I am determined to succeed. With the experience and skills that I am developing currently on my HNC and the support and expertise from my tutors at College, I believe this dream will become a reality."

Looking to the future, Ash is hoping to progress on to the HND in Mechanical Engineering at St Helens College, before continuing on to university to complete a degree in Mechanical Engineering.



Connecting Classroom to Career



Read Ash's story at
sthelens.ac.uk/Ash

LFC Guest Chef Dinner

St Helens College welcomed back Liverpool FC to their award-winning, Colours Restaurant, to offer catering students the opportunity to cook and serve alongside the club's senior chefs and hospitality team.

To help prepare for the unique dining experience, students visited Anfield to take a tour of its state-of-the-art kitchens and catering facilities. LFC chefs then supported students with food preparation while offering advice based on years of successful experience to those wanting to pursue a culinary career in the industry.

While the chefs in training worked their way around the kitchen, the club's event and hospitality team enlisted the support of the College's hospitality students, to prepare for front of house.

The five-course, fine dining menu was designed to impress, with fresh ingredients and creative dishes such as curried monkfish, pressed chicken and leek terrine, aged beef sirloin and seared hand dived scallop.



Healthcare Sciences Skills Show 2019

In support of Healthcare Sciences Week, St Helens College hosted its annual Skills Show in partnership with St Helens and Knowsley NHS Trust and Medical Mavericks, to inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals.

The Skills Show brought together healthcare professionals, industry experts and over 500 young people from St Helens College and a number of local schools, to provide first-hand insight into the unlimited career opportunities available within the healthcare and science sector.

The students got to hear from some of the industry's leading professionals, whilst taking part in lots of activities, including using a real needle to take fake blood, seeing the inside of the body using an ultrasound machine and undertaking keyhole surgery on a training device used by real surgeons!



Aspiring Nurse

Aspiring Nurse, Shannon, is a shining example of how dedication and determination can lead to success, after securing her place at Liverpool John Moores University to study Adult Nursing.

Since the age of 8, Shannon has helped care for her mum, alongside her dad and having to take on some measure of this responsibility at such a young age, is what inspired Shannon to care for others too and pursue a career in the healthcare industry.

After completing her GCSEs at Byrchall High School, Shannon heard about the Cadetship programme at St Helens College and joined the level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care.

As part of her Cadetship, Shannon had access to some incredible opportunities with St Helens and Knowsley NHS Trust and Northwest Ambulance Service, from working in the accident and emergency department and shadowing paramedics to working on a specialist respiratory ward and ward 3B 'Fractured Neck of Femur' at Whiston Hospital.

During her placements, her roles and responsibilities were diverse. However, on a typical day on the respiratory ward at Whiston Hospital, she was responsible for providing a range of personal and specialist care duties such as oral hygiene, assisted feeding, removing cannulas and catheter care.

Shannon has also received dementia training as part of her Cadetship, which benefitted her massively during her part-time employment at Four Seasons Health Care in Shawcross, where she worked with dementia patients, in the Elderly Mental Infirm (EMI) unit.

Speaking of her experiences, Shannon said, "Everything that I have learnt during my Cadetship has prepared me for the next step towards attaining my career. Learning about healthcare and also having the opportunity to really experience it, has been so valuable and will put me in good stead when studying my degree at university and applying for jobs."

Shannon now looks forward to a bright future, studying Adult Nursing at Liverpool John Moore University, working towards a career in an industry that she loves.



Connecting Classroom to Career



Read Shannon's story at
sthelens.ac.uk/ShannonB

An Adventure with Jet2.com

Our level 2 Cabin Crew students soared across the sky recently with established airline, Jet2.com. This amazing opportunity enabled students to travel to Tenerife as part of a familiarisation flight, which was afforded to our students due to our fantastic employer links and industry relationships.

Before the flight, the students were taken behind the scenes at Manchester Airport to the Jet2.com crew room, where they were given a pre-flight briefing from the Safety Training Manager.

During the flight, the students observed and assisted Cabin Crew, including participating with onboard services, and preparing passengers for disembarking once reaching Tenerife.

Travel and Tourism Tutor, and former

Jet2.com Cabin Crew Trainer, Richard King, gave the students a full tour and demonstration of the cabin crew galley, showing them the correct procedures and equipment expected on any aircraft.

He explained, "Experiences like these are invaluable for our students. They all did so well during the familiarisation flight, and demonstrated the many skills they've learnt on the course. This opportunity really does set them up for a career in the sky - there is no better way to learn."

Once in Tenerife, the students spent a few days exploring the sights and experiencing what life would be like as operating Cabin Crew in between layovers.



Excited Staff and Students Await New Arrivals

The animal management department have their hands full incubating and monitoring four, week-old red-footed tortoise eggs, a species of tortoises native to northern South America!

The extraordinary tortoises are the offspring of residents, Strawberry and Shaun, and will be incubated under consistent conditions for four months until they are ready to hatch.

Strawberry, the mother of the four eggs, was originally bred over 12 years ago by our very own Animal Management Tutor, Mike, when he used to work as a Zookeeper at Knowsley Safari Park!



Pampering Session with Billy

Our level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management students, Chloe and Hannah, are currently learning about goat maintenance, as part of their animal health module.

This involved giving our resident goat, Billy, a bit of TLC with some hoof maintenance!

Billy is a Bagot goat, which is one of the UK's most endangered breeds. He has called the animal unit his home for nearly two years now and was originally donated to us by Northop College.





TUESDAY 2ND JULY
10.00AM - 2.00PM

Come along to St Helens College's Experience Day to not only take part in interactive sample lessons in your chosen course and make new friends but to celebrate the start of summer with a live DJ, photo booth fun, football shoot out, festival glitter and beauty bar and much more.

Make sure you bring your appetite - there will be lots of free pizza, candy floss, popcorn and slushies!

Once you have applied to us, you'll receive your invitation in the post nearer the time.



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