



St Helens College

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Welcome

We have had some very exciting successes, achievements and events since our last edition, including our annual Colours of the World Festival, students gaining their wings with some of the world's top airlines, funding to support innovation in our award-winning kitchens and much more!

We have also been recognised by the Department for Education Rate Tables as the second best General Further Education College in Liverpool City Region for overall pass rate across all vocational qualifications, a result which we are extremely proud of.

With exam season drawing to a close, you'll be looking forward to an exciting and relaxing summer, leaving you refreshed and ready to begin the next stage of your journey with us in September.

So with this in mind, we would like to invite you to our Experience Day on Wednesday 4th July, 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. Find out how to book your place at the back of this newsletter.

We hope that you find the stories in this newsletter inspirational and I look forward to meeting you.

Anne Pryer
Principal of St Helens College



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St Helens College Proudly Placed at the Top of the Tables

St Helens College is proud to be recognised by the Department for Education National Achievement Rate Tables as the second best General Further Education College in the Liverpool City Region for overall pass rate across all vocational qualifications for 16-18 year olds.

St Helens College's vocational courses equip students with the essential skills and qualifications required to progress on to university or into full-time employment. This achievement highlights

the exceptional performance students make upon completion of their vocational course at St Helens College.

The latest result follows recent success after being placed as the best General Further Education College in Merseyside for A level progress, reflecting the impressive progress students make after completing their GCSEs at high school through to the end of their A level studies at St Helens College's A Level Academy.



Flying on the Wings of Success

It's been an exciting few weeks for our Travel and Tourism department, as this year's budding Cabin Crew students graduate from their College course and gain their official wings, ready to launch their high flying careers in the sky.

The level 2 Diploma in Cabin Crew students will take to the skies this summer after successfully securing employment with some of the industry's top global airlines, including; Virgin Atlantic, British Airways, Thomas Cook and Jet2.com, where they will be based

at some of the UK's largest international airports, from Manchester to Heathrow.

Proud tutor, Richard King, went the extra mile to surprise his students at their wings ceremonies, travelling across the UK to show his support during their special day. He said, "I am so very proud of all our students and their outstanding achievements, seeing so many of them secure employment, as well as graduate with flying colours is amazing!"



Colours of the World Festival

A wave of culture hit St Helens College recently for its annual Colours of the World, equality and diversity event.

Staff and students from all curriculum areas came together and produced exhibitions to represent thirteen countries from across the globe, including; Spain, Poland, Monaco, England, China, Jamaica, Denmark, Mexico, Japan, Wales, Cuba, Germany and USA.

The buzz around College was incredible with each curriculum area itching to get their hands on the 'Best Exhibition Stand' award! The interactive exhibitions showcased cuisine tasting, cultural dancing, hand-made landmarks, language tasters and much more.

Judging was undertaken by St Helens RLFC Players, Dominique Peyroux and Zeb Taia, who crowned our Childcare department this year's winners with their fabulous display of Wales, which included a hand-made centrepiece of Mount Snowdon.







Orla Byrom

De La Salle

**Level 3 Extended Diploma in Public Services
at St Helens College**

“I enjoyed the wide variety of modules that we studied on the Public Services course from government and policies to human rights. It really opened doors for me and helped me to consider studying Criminal Law. My dream is to become a Crime Scene Investigator!”

**“I’m studying
a degree in
Criminal Justice
at University
Centre
St Helens!”**



Connecting Classroom to Career

New Funding Supports Student Innovation in the Kitchen

Our Catering and Hospitality department has secured over £15,000 of funding to help enhance students' culinary skills and knowledge in the award-winning restaurant and kitchens at St Helens College.

The funding, received from the Savoy Educational Trust, will enable students to explore Molecular Gastronomy. This is a form of experimental food science which investigates the physical and chemical transformations of ingredients that occur during

cooking and its innovative uses within the culinary field whilst developing their own inventive dishes.

In addition to the purchasing of specialist equipment, the department is collaborating with local schools to provide the younger generation with the opportunity to explore the art of cooking and the exciting career opportunities that it can lead to in this growing sector.

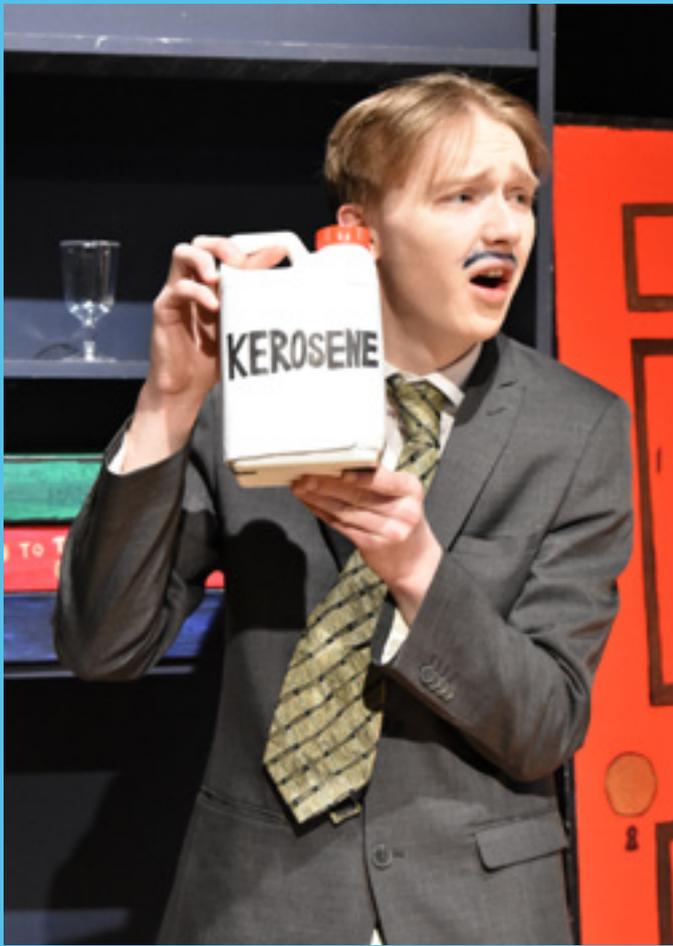


Celebrating National Theatre Day

In support of National Theatre Day, our level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts students have worked extremely hard over the last couple of months.

They undertook rigorous rehearsals, created elaborate costumes and built the impressive set, all in preparation for their spectacular performances of 'Girl from the North Country' and 'The Play That Goes Wrong.'







Rebecca Hardy

Cowley International College

**Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts at
St Helens College**

“My favourite part of the course was being involved in the end-of-year musical, which is what initially drew me to the course. The rush of adrenaline I get when I perform is what continually drives me to pursue a career in the industry and this course has definitely helped me to take the next step towards my future.”

**“I’ve secured
my place at
the London
College of
Music.”**

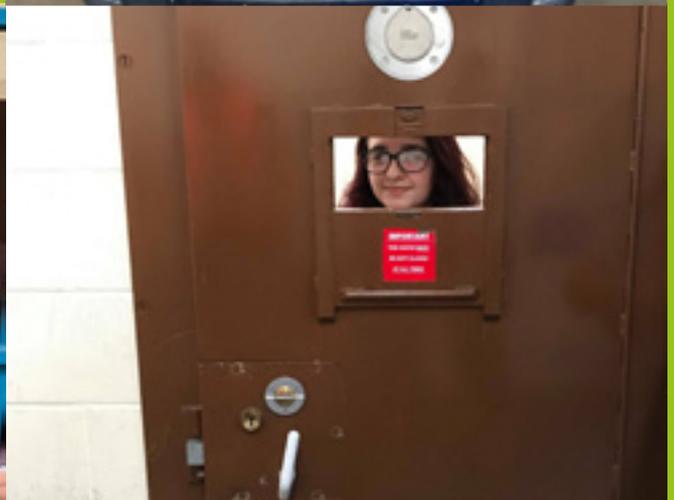


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Students have a Riot of a Time

Our Travel and Tourism students were put through their paces recently, when they took part in protest training with Merseyside Police.

During the training, the students participated in a mock riot, with strict orders to make it as realistic as possible by throwing items at the Police Officers, including bottles and bricks. They even had the opportunity to experience being restrained by riot police and police dogs, observe the safe use of Tasers and understand the procedures to follow in the event of an acid attack.



Simba Receives Royal Welcome

PAT (Pets as Therapy) dog, Simba, popped in to see students recently with his trainer Vicki.

When Simba isn't catching up with his friends in the Animal Management department, he is visiting schools, hospitals and care homes, to provide companionship and friendship, improve the symptoms of illness and also literacy in children.

The Dogue De Bordeaux, commonly known as a French Mastiff, showed students how he helps to reduce stress, particularly with individuals who have Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and also patients suffering from Dementia.

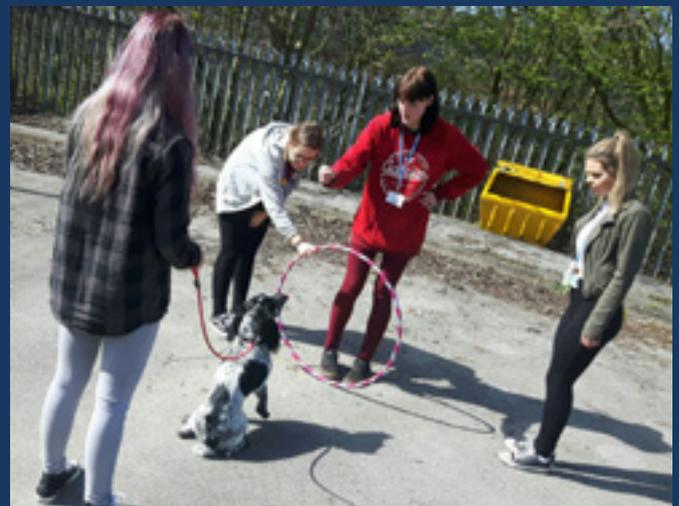


Students Take Part in K9 Training

Our Animal Management students had an amazing opportunity to participate in K9 training with their own dogs!

The training session saw a variety of dog breeds, showing fantastic skills and restraint, from a Bichon Frise and Spaniel to a Jack Russell and Lurcher.

As part of the training, they explored force-free training, which focuses on positive reinforcement through rewarding the dog for good behaviour with treats and lots of attention!



Students Raise Funds for Local Cancer Centre

Students from our hair and beauty department have teamed up with Soroptimist International St Helens, to raise a generous £275 for The Lilac Centre, a haematology and oncology day unit based at St Helens Hospital, to support the fantastic work they do with local cancer patients.

The proceeds were raised as part of this year's International Women's Day celebrations, with Soroptimists International St Helens, hosting a fundraising event at the St Helens Town Hall to mark the occasion. The event brought together students

and staff from St Helens College's hair and beauty department and local businesses ran by successful women. Students offered various pampering treatments such as mini facials, massages and mini manicures.

A total of £200 was raised by the students, with a further £75 charitable donation from Soroptimist International St Helens as they mark their 75th birthday. The cheque for £275 was then presented to the dedicated staff at The Lilac Centre.



A Helping Hand for the Homeless

Health and Social Care students teamed up with local homeless charity, Teardrops, to bring comfort to those sleeping on the streets of St Helens.

Students worked alongside the charity to create a number of 'survival bags' which were then distributed to the homeless across St Helens town centre. The packs included much needed items such as food, toiletries and a handwritten note expressing positive thoughts and words of comfort.

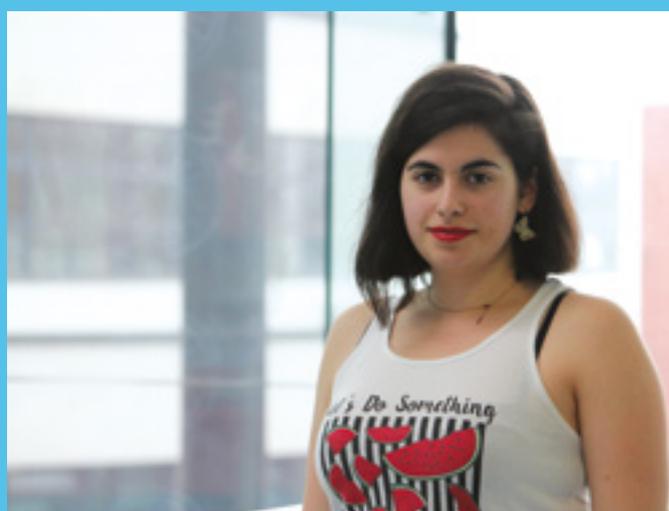


Aspiring Child Psychologist Secures University Place

Childcare student, Klaudia Wojnar, originally from Poland, moved to St Helens almost 5 years ago with her Mum and since joining St Helens College, has made fantastic progress, resulting in her securing a place at the University of Central Lancashire to study Child Psychology.

Despite struggling with her language barrier, Klaudia is determined to achieve success and has since progressed from the level 1 Diploma, to the level 2 Extended Certificate and is now currently in her final year of the level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator).

Her passion for psychology combined with her interest in physical development amongst young people, is what enables Klaudia to strive for top marks and she can't wait to start university in September.



Wetherby Donate £25k Worth of Materials

Wetherby Building Systems Ltd has generously donated £25k worth of crucial rendering materials to our plastering department.

The materials, including 190 tubs of 20kg expensive mineral render, will be used to develop our students' skills and knowledge of working with top of the range supplies in the industry!

Mark Arnold, Operations Manager at Wetherby, said, "Over the years we have formed a strong and close relationship with St Helens College including the regular employment of a cohort of apprentices, with each individual demonstrating a promising career in the sector. Some have since progressed to full-time employment with us, working in our sales support office, warehouse and technical department."



Students Visit Jaguar Land Rover

Our Engineering students recently gained behind the scenes access at Jaguar Land Rover in Halewood, where they observed each stage of the assembly process for the manufacture of some of the world's most innovative premium car brands, including the Land Rover Discovery Sport and the Range Rover Evoque.

Students started their private tour in the 'press shop', an area in which materials are cut and pressed to produce body panels, before observing robots welding on the assembly line.

This recent trip is a great example of lean manufacturing and maintenance operations within a large scale industrial environment, an area within mechanical engineering that the students are currently exploring as part of their course.



An Overseas Adventure at Eurocamp

Our Travel and Tourism students recently enjoyed an overseas adventure at Duinrell Campsite with Eurocamp in Holland, to gain experience of working as a Holiday Courier for a popular family amusement park.

During their visit, the students participated with the day-to-day running of the campsite, from attending morning team briefings held by the Eurocamp Site Manager, to shadowing the Holiday Couriers as they carried out their daily duties and customer

visits. They even had the opportunity to assist the Reception Manager, to enhance their customer service skills.

Aside from their duties, the students had the chance to take time out to explore the beautiful sights of the Netherlands, including a trip to The Hague (Den Haag), where they discovered the cultural and historical sights of the city, as well as exploring the nearby town of Wassenaar.







Courtney Bolger

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic High School

**Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media
at St Helens College**

“My course was very practical and we spent a lot of time each week shooting on location, using industry cameras and equipment and editing software. I enjoyed my course so much that I have progressed to University Centre St Helens to study the Foundation Degree in Creative Media Production.”

**“St Helens
College has
taken me to
university!”**



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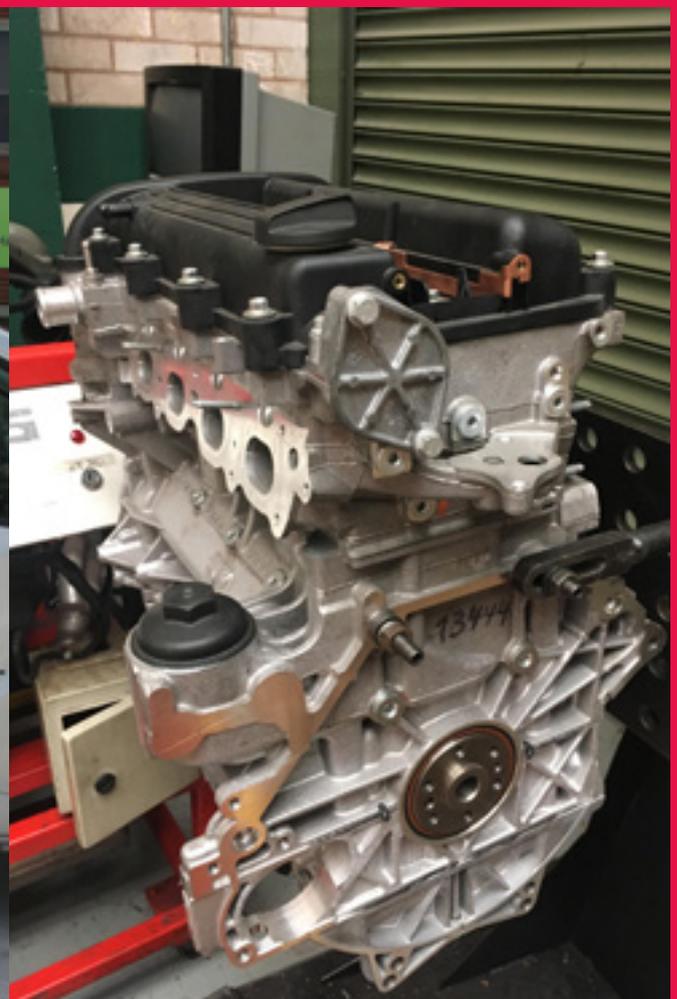
Students Receive Advanced Industry Technology

Our Motor Vehicle students have been given an exciting opportunity to work with advanced industry technology thanks to kind donations from our employer partners and industry links, Vauxhall, Nissan, Fiat, Alpha Romeo and Chevrolet.

The donations included new vehicles, engines and gearboxes, which will enhance the students' overall development and knowledge, to prepare them for a successful career in the industry.

Ian Dolan, Curriculum Leader at St Helens College said, "The materials that our Automotive Hub has received will enable our students to work with the latest technology to provide them with a great advantage in such a competitive industry."

He added, "The relationship we share with these companies really enhance students' experience and with the course being very practical, having modern equipment to work on is invaluable."



Faith Fair 2018

St Helens College recently hosted its annual Faith Fair, now in its 11th year, and were joined by staff, students and members of the local community displaying information about their faith and cultural group.

The exhibition represented 15 world views including Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism, Mormonism, The Gideons, and Deism, amongst others. Following the exhibition, students had the chance to participate in a live Q&A panel, with over 150 students in attendance.





Lauren Heaps

St Edmund Arrowsmith - Whiston

**Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Technology
at St Helens College**

“I shared some incredible moments with my class and tutors at College, from visiting Abbey Road Studios in London to planning and delivering music events! I have since progressed to Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, studying Music, Theatre & Entertainment Management.”

“I’ve just returned from Nashville where I met some of the country’s top professionals.”



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EXPERIENCE

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WEDNESDAY 4TH 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!

BOOK NOW

To let us know that you are coming, please book your ticket

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