



St Helens College

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CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER

Meet our ambassadors, that through hard work and dedication, are on the road to, or have already achieved their ultimate career.



#BigWelcome



Guest Chef Dinner



Beauty Halloween Competition



Meet our new Student President

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Welcome from our Principal

I'm delighted that you are considering St Helens College as a place to study. We are committed to ensuring that you excel and leave us with results and skills that will better equip you for university, an apprenticeship or employment.

This edition of our College newsletter highlights the journey that our current students are undertaking as well as some successes that they have already achieved. We have had an incredibly busy start to the academic year with lots of exciting trips, competitions and events.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our Connecting Classroom to Career Ambassadors who demonstrate how we have helped them to succeed in meeting their aspirations. Take some time to read their stories, not only are they inspirational, but this could be you!

When you join us in September 2018, it will be a very exciting time as we will have merged with Knowsley Community College. This will mean that you will benefit from being a student at St Helens College that will be part of a larger and stronger organisation, that will be better equipped to offer a broad choice of courses and specialist subjects, increased investment in resources and facilities that will enhance your learning and student experience. The College merger will build on the complementary strengths of both Colleges, creating a strong organisation delivering high-quality education, training and skills.

I look forward to meeting you at an Open Event, Interview Event or Taster Day.

Anne Pryer
Principal of St Helens College



Student Teni lands dream job on campus

At the age of just sixteen, independent Teni Ajasa-Osayemi has found success in the recent student election when she was voted as President of the Student Council at St Helens College.

Teni, from Liverpool, applied for the role after discovering a love for Business after joining the level 2 NCFE Diploma in Business which she began this September after completing her GCSEs at Broughton Hall High School.

Following some fierce competition, Teni's confidence was boosted when elected after delivering a speech in front of other applicants and judges. Speaking of her success, she said "I loved being chosen for the role, I am really enjoying it so far as it is teaching me key skills needed for my dream career. It is my proudest achievement at St Helens College so far."

During her studies, Teni has discovered a passion for communication and believes that her current course will be key to helping her gain employment in her dream career in HR and Management. She said "I have always been an independent person and the Business course at St Helens College enables me to utilise that skill and keeps me focused. The tutors are very understanding and motivate me to achieve a high grade. I would highly recommend this course to anyone in the same mindset as mine".

Teni is really looking forward to getting stuck in to the role and voicing her opinions to make St Helens College the best it can be. With big aspirations for her future, she hopes to progress onto University to study a HR and Management degree.



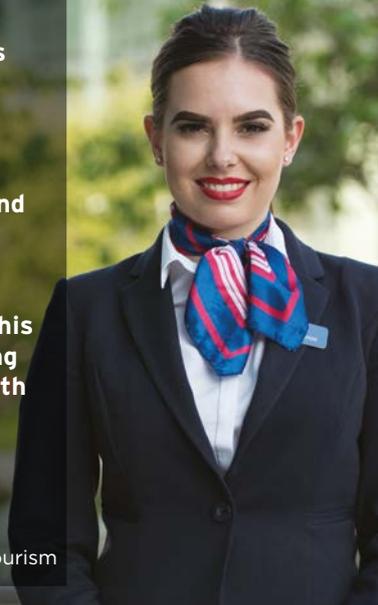
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Meet our Ambassadors

At the heart of our Connecting Classroom to Career campaign, are nine successful students and alumni that through hard work and dedicated support, are on the road to, or have already achieved their ultimate career. Some have launched their own successful businesses, have secured positions within government or are leading the way in the growing Visitor Economy.

"The industry experience of tutors coupled with the insight that you gain from them is invaluable. We are trained to understand and maintain the uncompromising standards that the industry expects. This all helped in securing my dream career with British Airways."

Olivia Hurst
Level 3 BTEC Extended
Diploma in Travel and Tourism



"With my dad and brother working in the trade, I'm proudly from a family of apprentices and drew inspiration from them. College has prepared me for the jobs that I undertake in the workplace. I'm motivated by the earning potential that comes with my career as I know if I work hard, I can do well for myself."

Jamie Abram
Level 2 Diploma in Painting
and Decorating



"I gained so much from my studies at College, the course and the tutors gave me the confidence and knowledge I required to progress. I've launched a career in the top-end of the industry at the multi-award winning Art School Restaurant."

Katie Donnelly
Level 3 Diploma in Hospitality
Supervision and Leadership



"The majority of my learning takes place in the workplace - which I love as each day is so different and exciting. It's great being mentored by the dentist and his team as well as my tutor, they really invest a lot of time to make sure you succeed."

Faye Boland
Level 3 Diploma in Dental
Nursing



"My apprenticeship took me to Cincinnati, USA where I was able to gain impressive work experience developing software solutions. It also allows me to learn from leading industry professionals and experience new challenges. I have since progressed on to a higher apprenticeship."

Nathan Holland
Level 3 IT, Software and
Telecoms Apprenticeship



"The work placement opportunities and practical nature of my course have opened up so many opportunities for me. In my spare time, I am a Police Cadet for Merseyside Police and a Young Adviser for St Helens Council. My course has brought me one step closer to becoming a Police Officer."

Ashleigh Robinson
Level 3 Extended Diploma in
Public and Uniformed Services



"My whole College experience was so memorable and equipped me with so much more than just a qualification. I'm hoping to build upon my skills and knowledge as I progress on to university so I can enter the industry specialising in Aesthetics."

Niyomi Krishnananthan
Level 3 Diploma in Beauty
Therapy



"The course had great links. Valuable work experience with global engineering companies helped me to understand what was needed to succeed in the industry. I became equipped with the skills needed to launch my own business."

Cameron James
Stephenson
Level 3 Advanced Diploma
in Engineering



"The A Level Academy has developed my confidence, independence and academic ability, in preparation for my Psychology degree at The University of Manchester. My passion for psychology and the desire to help others is what drives me to want to become a qualified Psychologist."

Shannon Heaton
A Level Academy



Behind The Scenes

Our Connecting Classroom to Career Ambassadors had a fun week out on location with our film crew to capture their stories on video.

Shannon gave an insight into life in our A Level Academy and University of Manchester, Cameron took us on location in one of his engineering

workshops demonstrating the work that he is undertaking on steam engines and Ashleigh showed us around the Town Hall to explain her role as a Youth Ambassador. Nathan spoke about his Apprenticeship and his job at the Department for Work and Pensions and Katie gave us a look behind the scenes at fine-dining

restaurant; The Art School in Liverpool and Chef Paul Askew even jumped in front of the camera!

You can view the full film on our website now.





Catering students go the whole hog!

Renowned chef, James Golding, from The Pig Hotel, recently mentored our students in the kitchens of our very own fine dining restaurant, Colours, as part of an exclusive Guest Chef Dinner.

Catering and hospitality students worked alongside James to prepare and serve a first class, five-course dinner to a restaurant full of customers.

In preparation for the dinner, level 3 Catering students undertook an exciting

overnight trip to The Pig Hotel in Brockenhurst, New Forest. They spent time with James and were given an exciting opportunity to sample the menus and tour the beautiful hotel.

Highlights of the trip included exploring the kitchens, on-site walled gardens, home-grown produce, preserves larder and smoke-house. They even met the resident pigs, quails and hens.





A Level Academy Boasts A* Students



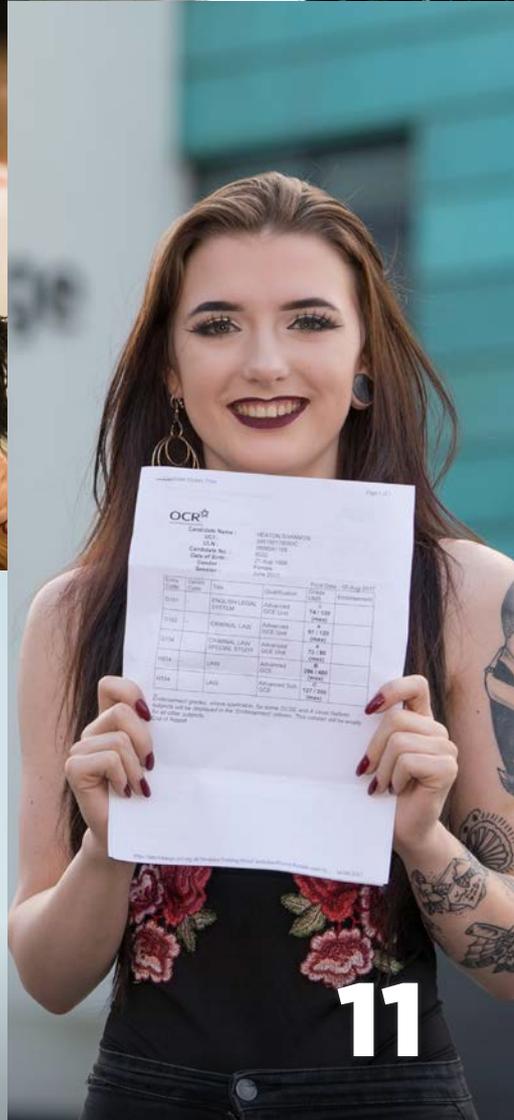
Staff and students at our A Level Academy are celebrating another set of fantastic A level results. The majority of students secured a place at their first choice university including University of East Anglia, University of Leicester and University of Manchester.

St Helens College's A Level Academy achieved an outstanding 100% pass rate in Mathematics, History, English Language, English Literature, Sociology and Psychology.

Shannon Heaton, achieved A*, A*, B in Psychology, Sociology and Law and said, "I am thrilled with my grades, especially as these contribute to the area of work that I would like to launch my career in. Studying at the A Level Academy has developed my confidence, independence and academic ability, in preparation for my Psychology degree at The University of Manchester. I am hoping to one day become a psychologist."

St Helens College's A Level Academy offers a direct route to university. There are over 19 subject areas to choose from with smaller class sizes and individualised support from tutors, creating an aspirational learning environment in which students can excel.





Navigating a Career at Sea

Level 3 Uniformed Services alumnus, Kyle Onza, has begun his training with the Royal Navy as he prepares for his exciting career in the Surface Fleet.

"I have gone through selection tests, a formal interview, pre-joining fitness tests and medical examinations and have now been offered the opportunity to begin my training at HMS Raleigh. I can't thank my tutors enough for their support, advice and encouragement throughout my course."

From large assault ships to small patrol boats, the Surface Fleet forms the core of the Royal Navy. These powerful and professionally handled warships successfully protect our nation's interests.

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BEAUTY THERAPY

Beauty Students Travel the World!



Two of our Beauty students are in London to complete the last part of their training before embarking on their careers travelling the world!

Chloe Ruddock joined us from Prescot School and Georgia Cowley joined us from Cansfield High School.

The pair successfully completed their level 3 diploma in Nail Technology with us and have now secured Nail Technician positions with luxury cruise ship operator Steiner Recruitment UK in the on-board spa!

Tutor Ann Ford said "I'm so proud of Chloe and Georgia, their hard work has paid off and a beauty career on a cruise ship is such an exciting path to take".

Teardrops Charity

Supporting the Homeless

Our level 2 Childcare students were joined by local charity, Teardrops Supporting the Homeless. The charity spoke to students about the importance of tackling stigmas surrounding homelessness and how they can make a difference through volunteering.

Teardrops help 120 people per week and support hostels, sofa surfers and rough sleepers by supplying food and toiletries, generously donated.



Student Chef Competition

Catering student Kyle McCaffrey has been selected by his tutor to enter the prestigious UK Young Risotto Chef Competition which aims to showcase young rising culinary talent. Kyle who is currently working towards his level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery has created a dish of 'Smoked Duck and Beetroot Risotto, Orange and Golden Plum Puree with Beetroot Crisp.'

Kyle said, "I have a profound passion and enthusiasm for food, and am greatly inspired by Italian cuisine."



CATERING &
HOSPITALITY

#BigWelcome

St Helens College welcomed new students with a big celebration this September to kick-start their ultimate student experience.

Students received freebies, give-aways, exclusive discounts and were able to join in with games and photo booth fun.



St Helens College launches free bus

St Helens College is excited to announce the launch of a new FREE bus service, aiming to improve connectivity and make the college more accessible for students who live longer distances away but still choose to study with us.

The three new routes will cover areas including Maghull, Kirkby, Leigh, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Halewood and South Liverpool.

The new, free buses will be exclusively for students who attend St Helens College and will complement the existing support already in place which includes a free Arriva bus pass for the full academic year which can be used during term time, including evenings.

For more information on the free bus service, please visit www.sthelens.ac.uk/freebus.



Students visit Military Unit

Public and Uniformed Services students had a fantastic day with the 37th Signal Regiment in Huyton. On their trip, they undertook training including fitness, rifle range, first aid and weapons handling.



St Helens College Triple Theatre Night

Our Performing Arts students spent time warming up their singing voices for what turned out to be a fantastic Triple Threat Theatre Night.

Students selected a song from their choice of musical and performed in front of fellow students, tutors, family and friends.

The performance was designed to boost our students' confidence and performance skills, whilst also giving them the opportunity to audition for this year's upcoming musical performances.



ANIMAL
MANAGEMENT

Meet our New Residents

Say hello to the latest additions to our Animal Management family!

We have been patiently waiting for these six, exquisite Red-Eyed Tree Frog babies.

We're also excited to announce the arrival of two beautiful Gambian Pouched Rats. Please welcome six-month old, JK and Rowlie. They are both settling into their new home nicely.



A spooktacular competition!

Our level 2 and 3 Media and Makeup students showcased the best of their abilities in this year's Halloween competition. Their makeup techniques and special effects designs made judging very tough!



Students Join #JulesPinkArmy

Our staff and students were proud to support #JulesPinkArmy as we welcomed former student, Julie Lynan accompanied by Granada Reports and celebrity reporter Paul Crone onto campus, arriving in a stylish pink Limo.

Julie is a member of staff at Whiston Hospital and a breast cancer survivor. She is now on a mission to raise as much money as possible for the Whiston Hospital Reconstruction Service.

Students from Hair and Beauty, Catering and Hospitality, Health and Social Care, Childcare and Animal Management all joined forces to host our very own Pink Friday event. They ran a variety of stalls offering nail art, face painting and hair colouring as well as a cake sale.

Paul Crone was left with pink hair!





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