



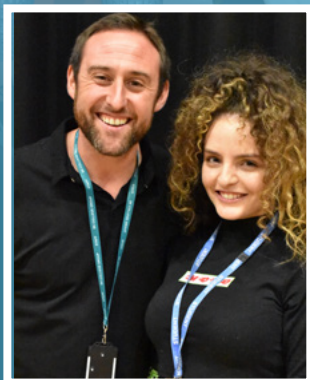
St Helens College

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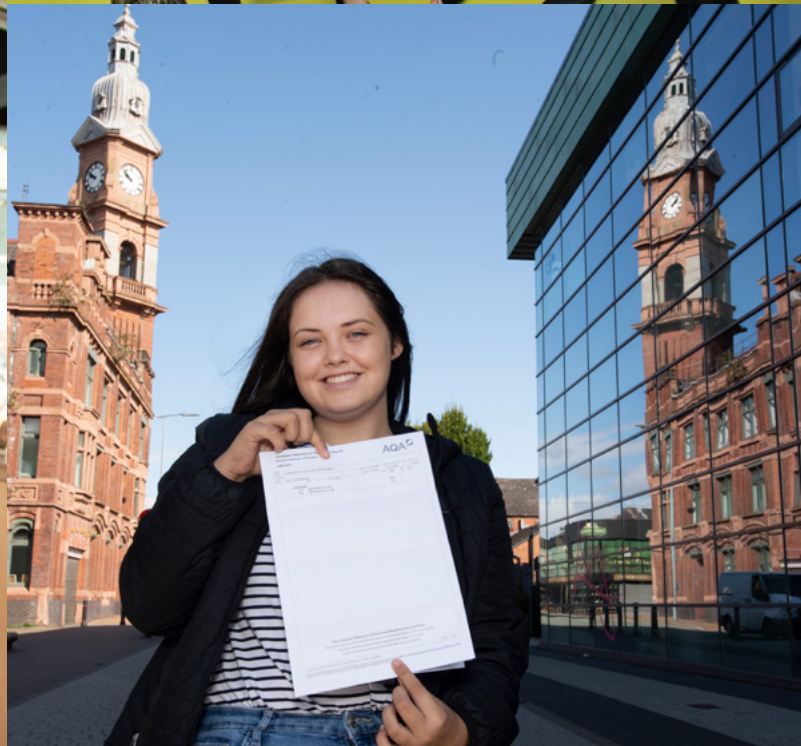
100% A level pass rate and university success

Staff and students at our A Level Academy celebrated an outstanding 100% overall A level pass rate.

Whilst the overall A level pass rate has fallen nationally, St Helens College has once again excelled with the majority of students securing places at their first choice universities across the UK, including University of Birmingham, Edge Hill University and University of Plymouth and Russell Group university, University of Liverpool.

Core A level subjects including Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, English Language and English Literature also achieved an outstanding 100% pass rate.





Connecting Classroom to Career

Meet our Ambassadors

At the heart of our Connecting Classroom to Career campaign, are nine successful students and alumni that through hard work, are on the road to, or have already achieved their ultimate career.

Some have secured positions within healthcare or have progressed to university, while others are leading the way in the growing Visitor Economy.



Ellie

A levels

Ellie loves to write and read in her spare time and hopes to one day combine this passion with her interest in the literary industry. She has recently secured her place at Edge Hill University to study a degree in English.



Amy

Sport

Amy volunteers at St Helens RFC providing sports massages to players and has her heart set on becoming a qualified Sports Therapist in the industry. She is excited to be going on to study a Sports Therapy degree at university.



Matt

IT Apprenticeship

Matt is determined to progress his way to the top of his career, after securing an apprenticeship with an IT Technical Support Team. He has also achieved Microsoft Office Specialist qualifications after sitting intensive exams.



Ash

Mechanical Engineering

Ash dreams of being a skilled multi-disciplined Engineer. He is excited to have secured an innovative mechanical engineering apprenticeship with CAL International, where he is able to work on projects for major organisations such as Bentley and NeedleSmart.



Shannon

Health and Social Care

From working on hospital wards and shadowing paramedics to looking after dementia patients, Shannon is passionate about working in the industry and is looking forward to studying an Adult Nursing degree at Liverpool John Moores University.



Kyle

Catering

Kyle thrives in the kitchen, especially when working alongside a "brigade of chefs." His vast experience and skills have helped him to land a highly sought after role as Commis Chef, with fine dining restaurant, The Art School.



Sophie

Early Years

Sophie is a Teaching Assistant supporting children with special educational needs and loves volunteering in her spare time. When she isn't working, she's volunteering at summer camps or providing one-to-one personal support.



Alex

Animal Management

Alex is passionate about caring for animals and is currently studying Zoo Management at university. In his spare time, he has gained experience as a Seasonal Zookeeper at Blackpool Zoo and dreams of opening his own zoo one day.



Caitlin

Performing Arts

Aspiring actress, Caitlin, loves channeling her energy in an expressive and creative way on her course. She has already had the opportunity to play a leading role in a musical production, opening her eyes to the world of performance.

Experience Day

We had such an amazing time helping to prepare our new students for joining us.

Students took part in interactive sample lessons in their chosen course, made new friends and celebrated the start of summer with a live DJ, photo booth fun, football shootout, festival glitter, beauty bar and much more!





Student has the X Factor!

St Helens College's Performing Arts student, Billie, recently performed on ITV's biggest talent show, the X Factor! The young performer is a star in the making, driven by a dream to be on stage.

Talented Billie, from Crosby, auditioned for the show with her twin sister, Charlie, the judges, however, felt their talents would be the perfect fit for a girl group, and so their group "Sweet Sense" was born, seeing them combined with three other solo singers that had auditioned.

The girls were thrown into the challenge of having to learn a brand new song in just two days with their new group, something which Billie felt prepared for, with thanks to her course at St Helens College. Billie has to learn, and turn around songs in just a day on her course, and has received help with controlling and utilising nerves, ready for her performances.

Growing up around a large musical family, Billie has always had a love for performing, whether that be singing, dancing or acting, it's something she's loved from an early age, and was the reason why she chose to study Performing Arts at St Helens College.

Her success didn't end there. After making the cut to the next round, the girls smashed their way through the boot camp round and "Six Chair Challenge", before travelling to Los Angeles to Judge, Robbie Williams' House, to fight for their place on the X Factor live shows.

Unfortunately, the girls didn't make it through to the live shows but after their incredible performance of One Direction's hit song, History at Judge, Robbie's house, we are sure this will not be the last that we see of the talented group! Billie said: "It was an incredible experience that I will never forget and I am excited to see what the future holds for me now."



Brand New 2019 School Leaver Prospectus

Our brand new School Leaver Prospectus is designed to inspire, excite and motivate prospective students.

Whatever your background, ambitions and interests, we have hundreds of courses to suit you and how you would like to learn, from A levels and Vocational/BTEC courses to Apprenticeships.

Download, or request a copy now at www.sthelens.ac.uk/prospectus



Supporting National Suicide Prevention Day

In support of National Suicide Prevention Day, we asked staff and students to help us plant 119 coloured windmills in memory of the 119 people that lose their lives to suicide each week.

We took 'A Stand in Silences for Suicide' for one minute to remember those who have lost their lives.

It is important to us that staff and students know it is 'Ok to Talk' and to know where they can get support in College!



#BigWelcome

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

From fierce competitions on the rodeo bull and bungee run to lots of freebies, giveaways and exclusive discounts, everyone had an amazing time!





Public and Uniformed Services Careers Fair

Our Public and Uniformed Services department hosted their annual career's fair recently.

The event welcomed visitors from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service, Merseyside Police, Department for Work and Pensions, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal Marines and British Army, all of whom provided a real glimpse into the industry, displaying a range of specialised equipment and combat vehicles that filled the College forecourt.

The event saw more than 400 students get involved and provided the ultimate opportunity for them to meet industry experts and to ask questions and gain advice on careers and entry requirements.



Adventurous Students Experience the Outdoors

Our public and uniformed students braved the wind and rain, to enjoy time on the water at Crosby Marina as part of their Outdoor Adventurous Activities module.

Students participated in raft building, canoeing, dragon boat racing and rock climbing!



Staff and Students Bake for Macmillan!

Our Childcare and Beauty students came together recently to host their very own Macmillan Coffee Morning! The students raised over £100 for the charity after selling delicious cakes, cookies, and even offering nail treatments, to help raise funds for crucial research.



New Student Governor

Level 3 Childcare student, Oliver, recently found success in the student elections when he was voted as this year's Student Governor.

Following some fierce competition, Oliver's confidence was boosted when he was elected for the position, after composing a personal statement which was reviewed by the board of Governors, and selected as the winning candidate.

The role of Student Governor involves attending monthly meetings with the Principal and the board of Governors, acting as the student voice, raising issues and feedback gathered from other students, enabling the college to improve. Oliver looks forward to taking on the responsibility and making a difference to student life at College.



Beth Graduates in Style

Performing Arts alumna, Beth, completed the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts before progressing to University Centre St Helens, and has recently celebrated graduating from her degree in Theatre and Performance with friends and family.

Beth, from Warrington, completed her GCSEs at Cardinal Newman High School, before venturing to St Helens College to study the level 3 Extended Diploma. Despite living in Warrington, Beth decided to make the journey to St Helens, as she felt the content of the course on offer was exactly what she was looking for and more suited to her long-term career goals.

Beth said, "The two years I spent studying the Extended Diploma at St Helens College allowed me to build my confidence and develop strong bonds with both teaching staff and peers."

Now that Beth has graduated, she has aspirations of becoming a Drama Teacher within a college setting, and is looking forward to progressing on to a PGCE, in order to make her dream career a reality.



Beth played a key role in Little Shop of Horrors



She travelled back to the 60s in Hairspray



OPEN EVENT

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

Our students often say to us that they found an Open Event visit incredibly helpful. So take their advice and drop in to explore and experience student life at St Helens College.

WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
5.30PM - 8.00PM

WHERE TO GO:

For courses in Engineering, Construction, Motor Vehicle and Animal Management:

The STEM Centre, Technology Campus,
Pocket Nook Street, St Helens WA9 1TT

For all of our other vocational courses and A Level Academy:

Town Centre Campus,
Water Street, St Helens WA10 1PP

For Apprenticeships, please visit either campus.