



St Helens College

SUPPORT THAT TAKES YOU FURTHER

FINANCIAL AND TRAVEL SUPPORT
GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AGED 16-18

GETTING TO ST HELENS COLLEGE

This travel guide is designed to give you detailed information on transport options in and around St Helens and the wider Merseyside region, which will make your journey to and from St Helens College quicker, easier and more accessible.

We have fantastic public transport links right on our doorstep. Our Town Centre Campus, STEM Centre, Technology Campus, and Green Energy Skills Centre are all just a 10-minute walk from the Town Centre bus and train stations, providing connections to routes across Cheshire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, and Lancashire.

By Bus

We provide a FREE Arriva bus pass for the whole academic year, which you can use every weekday during term time, including evenings. The bus pass is available to all 16-18 year old St Helens College students, on a full-time course.

Your bus pass will be available to collect on the first day of term. To receive this, please ensure you bring along your completed bursary form which will have been given to you at enrolment.

If you are unable to travel using an Arriva pass, you may receive an alternative travel pass.



Plan your bus route to
St Helens College:
www.arrivabus.co.uk



Plan your train route to
St Helens College:
www.nationalrail.co.uk

By Train

St Helens Central train station is on the main line between Wigan North Western station and Liverpool Lime Street station.

WIGAN	15 minutes
LIVERPOOL	21 minutes
WARRINGTON	30 minutes

It is located approximately 10 minutes' walk from the Town Centre Campus and less than 10 minutes' walk away from the STEM Centre Technology Campus and Green Energy Skills Centre.

These services also stop at popular stations en route, including Huyton, Prescot, Roby, Thatto Heath, Eccleston Park, Garswood and Bryn.

A taxi rank is located outside of the station and sheltered cycle storage facilities are available.

To plan your train route to St Helens College, visit www.nationalrail.co.uk.

BUS ROUTES TO ST HELENS COLLEGE

Bus	Areas on route	Schools on or around route
37	Eccleston, Cowley Hill, Denton's Green, St Helens Baldwin Street, St Helens Bus Station	De La Salle, Cowley International College
38	Rainford Junction, Rainford, Windle, Eccleston, Cowley Hill, Denton's Green, St Helens Baldwin Street, St Helens Bus Station	Rainford High Technology College, De La Salle, Cowley International College
352	Wigan Bus Station, Pemberton, Orrell, Billinge, Moss Bank, Carr Mill, Haresfinch, St Helens Ward Street, St Helens Baldwin Street, St Helens Bus Station	St Peter's High School (Orrell), Up Holland High School, Deanery High School, Abraham Guest Academy, Cowley International College
32/32A	Carr Mill, Moss Bank, Gerard's Bridge, St Helens Baldwin Street, St Helens Bus Station, Peasley Cross, Sutton, Sutton Leach, Sutton Manor, Clock Face	Cowley International College, St Cuthbert's Catholic High School, The Sutton Academy, Rainhill High School
20	Earlestown Bus Station, Haydock, Blackbrook, Pocket Nook, Fingerpost, St Helens Central Train Station, St Helens Bus Station	St Augustine of Canterbury, Haydock High School, Hope Academy, Penkford High School
31	Derbyshire Hill Road, Parr, Fingerpost, Pocket Nook, St Helens Central Train Station, St Helens Bus Station	St Cuthbert's Catholic High School, Lansbury Bridge School and Sports College, Mill Green School
34/34A	Leigh Bus Station, Lowton Common, Newton-le-Willows, Crown Lane, Vulcan Village, Earlestown Bus Station, Ashtons Green, Broad Oak, Parr Stocks, Fingerpost, Pocket Nook, St Helens Central Train Station, St Helens Bus Station	Bedford High School, Lowton Church of England High School, Hope Academy, Penkford High School, Westleigh High School
320/360	Wigan Bus Station, Scholes, Lower Ince, Spring View, Platt Bridge, Bamfurlong, Stubshaw Cross, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Haydock, Blackbrook, Pocket Nook, Fingerpost, St Helens Central Train Station, St Helens Bus Station	Deanery High School, Rose Bridge Academy, St Edmund Arrowsmith (Wigan), Byrchall High School, Cansfield High School, Haydock High School, Mill Green School, St Cuthbert's Catholic High School, Lansbury Bridge School and Sports College

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17	St Helens Bickerstaffe Street, Peasley Cross, Sutton, Lea Green, Marshalls Cross, Clock Face, Sutton Manor, Bold Heath, Upton Rocks, Victoria Park, Appleton, Widnes Green Oaks, Simms Cross, Widnes Town Hall, Widnes Vicarage Road	Wade Deacon School, Ormiston Chadwick Academy, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College, Rainhill High School, The Sutton Academy, St Cuthbert's Catholic High School, Lansbury Bridge School and Sports College, Mill Green School
33	Sutton Heath, Thatto Heath, West Park, The Shires, Green Bank, St Helens Baldwin Street, St Helens Bickerstaffe Street	The Sutton Academy
35/35A	Sutton Oak, Sutton, St Helens Hospital, Peasley Cross, St Helens Baldwin Street, St Helens Bus Station, Eccleston	St Cuthbert's Catholic High School, The Sutton Academy
10/10A	Liverpool One Bus Station, Liverpool Mann Island, Liverpool Old Hall Street, Liverpool James Street Station, Liverpool Queens Square Bus Station, Kensington, Old Swan, West Derby, Knotty Ash, Dovecot, Longview, Prescot, Eccleston Park, Grange Park, Rainhill, Thatto Heath, West Park, St Helens Baldwin Street, St Helens Hall Street	Rainhill High School, St Edmund Arrowsmith (Whiston), Prescot School, Lord Derby Academy, Broadgreen International School
89/89A	Liverpool John Lennon Airport, Speke, Hunts Cross, Woolton, Gateacre, Belle Vue, Netherley, Huyton, Prescot, Eccleston Park, Grange Park, Thatto Heath, Green Bank, St Helens Exchange Street, St Helens Bus Station	Enterprise South Liverpool Academy, Gateacre School, Halewood Academy, Prescot School, St Edmund Arrowsmith (Whiston), Lord Derby Academy, St Julie's Catholic High School
329	Warrington Bus Interchange, Orford, Hulme, Winwick, Burtonwood, Parr, Fingerpost, Pocket Nook, St Helens Bus Station	Beamont Collegiate Academy

*For full route information and times, please visit www.arrivabus.co.uk or call into Student Services and pick up a full timetable for your chosen route.

WALKING, CYCLING AND DRIVING

Walking

All of St Helens College's campuses are located within walking distance of the town centre.

Students living in surrounding areas, such as West Park, Denton's Green, Haresfinch, Merton Bank and Parr can enjoy a short walk to College, while those using the train or bus for part of their journey are only a short distance away from College.

Cycling

St Helens College provides several sheltered cycle spaces across all campuses. Cycle lanes and cycle paths are also available in the area.

Please ensure that you bring a lock for your bicycle if you plan to cycle to College and only store your bicycle in the designated sheltered spaces.*

Driving

Student parking is NOT available at St Helens College's Town Centre Campus and a parking eye system is in operation. Those parking on the car park without a permit will receive a fine. The closest public car park is North John Street Car Park, a pay and display car park directly opposite the Town Centre Campus.

Students at the STEM Centre Technology Campus can park on the main car park at the back of the campus, where parking is available on a first come, first served basis.*

Parking at the Green Energy Skills Centre is limited. The campus is located in a busy residential area, so parking is only permitted in the designated spaces directly outside the campus. Please do not park in front of residential addresses.

Disabled parking is available for blue badge holders at both the Town Centre and STEM Centre campuses.

Students will need to see Student Services to obtain an additional permit before being able to park in disabled bays.

*St Helens College cannot accept any liability for vehicles, bicycles or contents left on the College premises and car park at either campus.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From free breakfast to bursaries, we have a wide range of student benefits and financial support packages to ensure that you can make the most out of your student experience.

All of our students aged 16-18 are entitled to:

Free Course Fees

ALL full-time students are entitled to free tuition, examination and registration fees.

Free Breakfast

ALL of our students can get a free breakfast! Enjoy free toast, cereal or porridge, and a hot drink or a cold drink (from a selection of juice or water) from 8.00am – 8.50am every weekday.

Free Microsoft Office 365 Package

ALL of our students get full access to Office 365 completely free of charge.

Student Discounts and TOTUM Membership

You will have access to a range of exclusive offers and discounts from retailers including Saints, Everton FC, OD's Designer Clothing and more. You can also apply for a TOTUM student discount card which gives you access to nationwide discounts, promotions and competitions.

You may also be entitled to additional financial help including:

Vulnerable Bursary of up to £1,200 per year

You may be entitled to this if you are in care (this includes unaccompanied asylum seeking young people), are a care leaver, receive Income Support or Universal Credit (due to financially supporting yourself and anyone dependant on you, and living with you, such as a child or partner), or receive Disability Living Allowance (or the new Personal Independence Payments) and receive Employment Support Allowance (ESA) in your own right.

General Bursary

Depending on the requirements of your course, you could get financial help with essential equipment, uniform, trips and travel. This is dependant on whether:

- Your parents/guardians receive Means Tested Benefits.*
- Your parents/guardians earn less than £30,000 per year.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Free College Lunch

You may be entitled to a free lunch at any of the catering outlets. This is on every day you are timetabled to attend College. This is dependant on whether:

- Your parents/guardians receive Means Tested Benefits.*
- Your parents/guardians earn less than £30,000 per year.

Free Travel

We provide a FREE Arriva bus pass for the whole academic year, which you can use every weekday during term time, including evenings.

Free Childcare

If you are a young parent under the age of 20 years and you are the main carer for your child, you may be entitled to help with the cost of childcare via the Care to Learn Scheme.

See www.gov.uk/care-to-learn for further details or contact our **Finance Officer** on: **01744 623238** (St Helens College) and **0151 477 5872** (Knowsley Community College).

We also have an Ofsted 'Outstanding' registered nursery based at our St Helens College, Town Centre Campus. This nursery is available for students who have childcare needs while studying at St Helens College, offering full day care for babies, toddlers and children from birth up to 5 years old.

In order to apply for additional financial help, you will need to complete the 'Bursary Form' which you will collect with your enrolment paperwork when you come into College. Your parent/guardian will need to help you to complete this once you have enrolled and become a student – you should submit the 'Bursary Form' to Reception as soon as you can.

For help in determining whether you are eligible for financial support, we have a dedicated Finance Officer at College that can help. Contact **01744 623238** or we can arrange an appointment for you at an enrolment event.

Please note that terms, conditions and exclusions apply. This information is updated regularly, but we cannot guarantee that the detail will remain accurate, as Government policy often requires changes to how we operate.

* Financial support for the General Bursary and free college lunch is subject to household earnings not exceeding £30,000 or being in receipt of Means Tested Benefits which includes; Income Support, Income based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided that you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that doesn't exceed £16,190), Universal Credit, with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7400 per annum or support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

**If you have any questions about
Travelling to College or Financial Support,
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