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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Changes to qualifications, including T Levels and BTECs, are ongoing. While this guide is accurate at the time of printing, updates may occur before September 2026. For the latest information, please visit our website. We reserve the right to amend, withdraw and add courses and entry requirements in the future. This guide is not contractual, and we accept no liability for any inaccuracies. Careers information is sourced from the National Careers Service, LMI, Liverpool Enterprise Partnership, Prospects, and Glassdoor.



St Helens College

We opened our doors over a century ago, and we've been nurturing minds and shaping futures ever since. We're proud of our heritage, but even more excited about your future.

We've made significant investments in our campuses, ensuring you have everything you need for an immersive learning experience and although we may be a large college, you'll never feel lost in the crowd - we make sure every student feels part of our friendly, inclusive college community.

Whether you're interested in T Levels, technical courses, or apprenticeships, our courses are designed to help you achieve your dream career. Our expert tutors bring real-world industry experience into the classroom, and our strong employer partnerships help connect your learning to your future career.

But college life is about more than just studying. Here, you'll make unforgettable memories - whether it's through exciting trips abroad, hands-on work placements, networking with industry professionals, or showcasing your talents in competitions. You'll build confidence, make lifelong friends, and leave with more than just a qualification.

We can't wait to welcome you.

Come and see what makes St Helens College so special at our next open event!

We have invested a lot of time and resource to ensure that your time with us is nothing short of amazing!

Across our campuses, you will find everything from a fine dining restaurant and a mock aircraft cabin, to an immersive Hospital Simulation Ward, construction site and indoor and outdoor animal units.

We're also right in the heart of a busy town centre, where you can find plenty of shops, food outlets and coffee shops!

Town Centre Campus

Town Centre Campus



Town Centre Campus

Facilities include:

- Colours Restaurant
- The Lounge (Hair Salon, Nail Bar and Beauty Treatment Rooms)
- Art Studios and Workshops
- The Gym
- Mock Aircraft Cabin

- Live Recording Suite and TV Studio
- Hospital Simulation Ward
- Training Nursery
- Theatre and Dance Studio
- Starbucks
- Library

Water Street, St Helens, WA10 1PP







STEN Centre Campus

Facilities include:

- Automotive Hub
- Indoor and Outdoor Animal Units
- Construction Sites (Bricklaying, Electrical, Plastering, Joinery and Painting Workshops)
- Construction Drawing Room
- Centre for Precision Engineering
- Library

Pocket Nook Street, St Helens, WA9 1TT





Green Energy Skills Centre

Facilities include:

- Renewable Training Home
- Underfloor Heating Bays
- Solar Thermal Training Bays
- Plumbing and Heating Training Bays

Langtree Street, St Helens, WA9 1AR















Your Student Experience

Life at St Helens College is so much more than just studying... It's about new experiences, fresh opportunities, discovering new places and creating memorable moments with friends.

You'll have the opportunity to take part in activities and fundraising events that will enhance your CV or UCAS application.



WORK EXPERIENCE AND VOLUNTEERING

Experience is key to securing your dream career. That is why we work closely with both local and regional employers to provide you with industry placements and volunteering opportunities to develop your skills and experience.

As part of your study programme, you are required to complete work-related experience:

- If you are resitting English and/or Maths, you must complete a minimum of 18 hours.
- If you are not resitting English or Maths, you must complete a minimum of 40 hours.

Work placements offer you the opportunity to:

- Enhance your CV
- Explore your career goals and interests
- Meet new people
- Develop your skills
- Discover your strengths





ENRICHMENT CLUBS

We have lots of opportunities for you to participate in clubs and lunchtime activities such as Manga, Lego, chess, or mindfulness colouring and crafts. We even have our own football team. We are always open to suggestions for new clubs too!





GUEST SPEAKERS AND INDUSTRY INSIGHT

There are plenty of opportunities to hear from guest speakers and industry professionals related to your course area. You will gain first-hand experience, insight and advice and will also have the chance to take part in masterclasses and activities to leave you feeling inspired.



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Students are nominated as course and campus representatives and have the opportunity to take part in conferences throughout the year and work with College management to communicate ideas and contribute to important decisions.



Increase your chances of employment with The Duke of Edinburgh's globally recognised award. Learn how to become a team player and a leader and gain the desirable skills that employers are looking for! Develop life long skills, increase your confidence and build resilience, so that you are ready to take on new challenges.



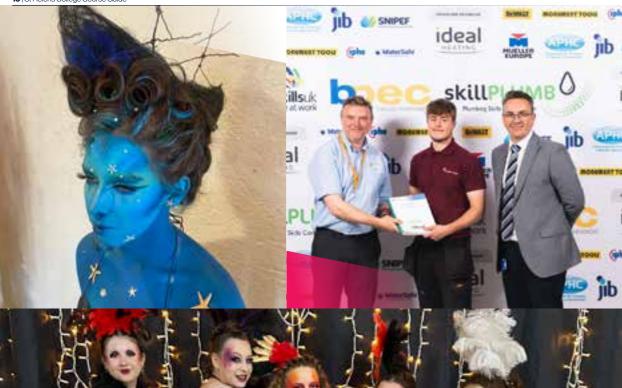
CHARITY FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Staff and students across all campuses take part in fundraising activities to raise money for local and national charities including, Comic Relief, Zoe's Place, Save the Children, Children in Need, Macmillan Cancer Support, Willowbrook Hospice and Teardrops.



STUDENT GOVERNORS

Each year, the College's Board of Governor's appoints a Student Governor. This role involves representing the student body and attending monthly meetings with College leadership including the Principal.







BEST COLLEGE IN THE NORTHWEST FOR THE 2ND YEAR









COMPETITIONS

Many of our students have had the opportunity to showcase their skills at regional competitions such as WorldSkills UK, HIP Learner of the Year, and the Association of Hairdressers and Therapists (AHT)!

VIBE

At St Helens College, we believe that strong relationships are the key to personal growth and success. That's why every student takes part in RF4, a unique programme developed by Vibe UK.

Through fun, meaningful activities in your Personal Development Sessions, RF4 helps you build better relationships - with yourself, with others, with your community, and with your future. It's all about helping you feel more confident, connected, and ready for whatever comes next.

Through RF4, you'll:

- Learn to manage emotions more effectively
- Build stronger friendships and family connections
- Boost your confidence
- Improve your college performance
- Set clearer goals for your future







Student Support

We are here to support you!

CAREERS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Your future is important to us, and we are committed to supporting our students to plan their next steps and make informed choices through impartial careers information, advice, and guidance. We have an experienced Careers Team, who can provide lots of support across a range of areas such as researching your career, progression and further training options, support with job, apprenticeship or university applications or CV writing.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TUTOR

You will have a dedicated Personal Development Tutor to guide and support you throughout your studies alongside your Course Tutor.





LIBRARY

We have a substantial collection of learning resources to support your studies including a huge online database, journals and ebooks, which means that you can study at home, on campus or anywhere at a time to suit you.

UNIFROG

Explore the wide range of careers available to you with our online tool, Unifrog. It allows you to explore your interests, and compare university-level qualifications, apprenticeships, and further education courses available to you.

Visit **www.unifrog.org**



SAFEGUARDING & MENTAL HEALTH WELLBEING TEAM

We also have a dedicated Chaplaincy Hub, which is a quiet, comfortable room, where you can rest, think, meditate or pray.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Our experienced team will work with you to provide recommendations based on your individual requirements or Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) to support you during your time at College.

The following support is available:

- Assessment of individual need (including exam access arrangements)
- Liaison with local authorities, exam boards and course tutors
- One-to-one skills development tutorials

- In-class support from Learning Support Assistants
- Access to specialist equipment
- Communication support for British Sign Language and Sign Supported English users
- Assistance with any personal care and healthcare needs
- Mobility assistance

Financial Support

Ways we can help!



find out more!

We want to make sure that you can make the most out of your College experience. So don't worry about the costs of coming to College – we have it covered!

FREE BUS TRAVEL

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

If you are unable to travel using an Arriva pass, you may be eligible for a Mersey Travel bus pass, or you may receive assistance towards the cost of alternative travel.

FREE BREAKFAST

We know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, which is why all our students are entitled to a free breakfast! Enjoy free toast, cereal or porridge and a hot or cold drink, from 8.00am – 8.50am, every weekday.



FREE COLLEGE LUNCH, KIT AND EQUIPMENT*

You may be entitled to a free lunch at any of the College's catering outlets, which is available every day, when you are timetabled to attend college.

Depending on the requirements of your course, you could also receive financial help with essential equipment, uniforms, trips and travel.

*Terms and conditions apply.



Real Students, Real Stories

We are exceptionally proud of our students and all that they achieve. Whether they progress into employment, on to university or secure an apprenticeship, we love to celebrate their successes and like to keep in touch, even years after they've left College!



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Achieving an A* was a proud moment. I'm taking a gap year to gain handson experience at Whiston Hospital before studying Learning Disabilities Nursing and Social Work next year at the University of Salford. It was a guest speaker from Northwest Ambulance Service who inspired me to start volunteering at the hospital!

Previous School: Kingsland Comprehensive College Course: Level 3 Health and Social Care University: Learning Disabilities and Social Work at University of Salford



I'm excited to study FdA Tourism and Hospitality Management at University Centre St Helens and hope to gain experience, explore career pathways, and eventually move into travel agent management and teaching. College gave me unforgettable experiences, like trips to Cyprus and Eurocamp and my amazing tutors supported me every step.

Previous School: Outward Academy Haydock **Course:** Level 3 Travel and Tourism

University: FdA Tourism and Hospitality Management at University Centre

St Helens



Transitioning to a large college was daunting due to my autism, but the kindness of my tutors and classmates made me feel welcome. I've grown in confidence, made lifelong memories, and discovered a passion for wildlife. Now I'm inspired to study Wildlife Conservation at university.

Previous School: Alder Centre for Education

Course: Level 3 Animal Management

University: Wildlife Conservation at Liverpool John Moores University



The tutors were incredible - always guiding, challenging, and helping me realise my potential. They encouraged creativity and growth. My most memorable moment was working together as a class on evaluations. It brought us closer and made me feel part of a truly supportive community.

Previous School: Homeschooled **Course:** Level 3 Art and Design

University: Graphic Design at University Centre St Helens



Being accepted into the Royal Navy is a dream come true. The college trips with the forces shaped my ambitions. I'm excited to explore different roles, gain experience, and maybe return one day as a tutor, helping inspire the next generation.

Previous School: St Edmund Arrowsmith (Ashton) **Course:** Level 3 Entry to Public and Uniformed Services

Career: Aspiring Navy Warfare Specialist



Getting D*D*D* on my course felt amazing! My friends were the first to know and they all did brilliantly too. I'm so proud of them. We've worked hard and it's paid off. I'm excited for what's next and feeling confident about the future ahead.

Previous School: Broughton Hall Catholic High School

Course: Level 3 Applied Science

University: Biomedical Science at University of Liverpool

How Do You Want To Learn?

There are lots of pathways available to you when you finish your GCSEs and we know it can be difficult deciding what to do.

At St Helens College, we have options to suit all students depending on how you like to study, and what you want to do in the future.

Technical Courses

Do you prefer to learn in a practical, hands-on way?

Technical courses, also known as 'vocational' are available from entry level to level 3, and take one or two years to complete. These types of course are great if you know what you want to do in the future.

One Course, Full-Time

With a technical course, you will study one subject, full-time, combined with GCSE English and/or maths if you do not have a grade 4 or above, and an industry work placement.

Excellent Progression

Technical courses are just as valuable as A levels and still give you the opportunity to go to university, complete an apprenticeship or secure employment.

Are you looking to study a technical course?

Click here to search our courses!



Apprenticeships

Do you want to earn while you learn?

Apprenticeships are a great way to develop your skills and experience on-the-job whilst gaining a recognised qualification and one of the many benefits is, you'll get paid to do it.

You will typically spend four days a week in the workplace, learning new skills and developing your experience, with one day a week in the classroom or workshop, learning the knowledge and theory behind your role.

There are many apprenticeships to choose from across a wide range of industries and they can take one to four years to complete, depending on which level you start at and the type of apprenticeship you choose.

Are you looking to study an apprenticeship?

Click here to find out more!





T Levels 1

Are you academically minded with a strong GCSE grade profile and have a career in mind?

T Levels are two-year qualifications, designed by leading businesses and employers to give you a head start towards your career! They are an alternative to A levels, technical courses and apprenticeships and include an industry placement.

80% College 20% Placement

You'll spend 80% of your time in College and 20% on a placement with an employer, gaining amazing experience.

1TLevel = 3 A Levels

1T Level is equivalent to 3 A levels, which means you can progress to university, employment or a higher apprenticeship!

Backed by Businesses

T Levels have been designed with leading businesses and employers to give you the knowledge and skills you need to succeed.

Are you looking to study a T Level?

Click here to search our courses!





Finding the right level of study for you!

We offer a range of qualifications starting at foundation level up to level 3, ensuring that there is a level of study suitable for you and your career plans, all designed to help you progress.

Foundation Learning

For students who have no GCSEs, or very low GCSE grades, home educated or may have missed a lot of school.

Entry Requirements

As a standard, you will not have achieved higher than a grade 2 in all GCSE subjects, including English and maths.

Progression

You can progress on to a full-time level 1 course. (subject to availability)



Level 1

For students with a lower GCSE grade profile, allowing you to develop your skills to prepare you for level 2 study.

Qualifications at Level 1

Technical Courses

Entry Requirements

As a standard, you will need a **minimum** of 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths.

Progression

You can progress on to a level 2 technical course or apprenticeship.



Level 2

For students with a good GCSE grade profile, preparing you for level 3 study.

Qualifications at Level 2

- Technical Courses
- Apprenticeships

Entry Requirements

As a standard, you will need a **minimum** of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths. Some courses may have additional entry requirements such as a relevant level 1 qualification.

Progression

You could progress on to a level 3 technical course, T Level or apprenticeship.



Level 3

For students with a strong GCSE grade profile, preparing you for higher education, further training or employment.

Qualifications at Level 3

- Technical Courses
- Apprenticeships
- T Levels*

Entry Requirements

As a standard, you will need a **minimum** of 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths. Some courses may require science and a higher grade in maths.

Progression

You could progress on to university, a higher apprenticeship or employment.



*Some TLevel courses may have additional entry requirem

Foundation Learning



If you are aged between 16-18 years old, have no GCSEs, or very low GCSE grades (no higher than grade 2), been home schooled or missed a lot of school, then Foundation Learning may be an excellent starting point.

These pathways are designed to help you build confidence, develop essential life and employability skills, and strengthen your English and maths whilst gaining a level 1 qualification.

You'll also have the chance to gain work experience and explore different course options to discover what truly interests you.

By the end of your Foundation Learning journey, you'll be ready to progress onto a full-time course within the College with a clearer sense of direction and purpose.

PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS

RE-ENGAGE

Duration: 2 days per week for 8 weeks

Entry Criteria:

This course is for learners who are not in education, employment, or training (NEET) and/or have no formal qualifications, have not attended school recently, and have not sat any formal exams.

What Will I Study?

You'll focus on building employability and life skills to help you prepare for your next steps. This includes:

- Work readiness
- Communication and teamwork
- Confidence building
- CV writing and interview preparation
- Developing transferrable skills

Although there is no formal English or maths, some sessions will include basic level study to support your development.

RE-CONNECT

Duration: Up to 4 days per week for 1 academic year

Entry Criteria:

This course is designed for learners who have successfully completed the full 8-week Reengage pathway.

It provides tailored support for students who may have experienced challenges such as low attendance, behavioural difficulties, or personal barriers that have disrupted their education.

What Will I Study?

You'll work towards a Level 1 Award in Skills for Learning and Employment, alongside studying formal qualifications in English and maths. The programme runs over 3 days a week (up to 4 with English and maths) and includes one weekly session (2-3 hours) in a vocational pathway.

RE-DEVELOP

Duration: 4 days per week for 1 academic year

Entry Criteria:

This course is for learners who have low GCSE grades in Maths and English (must be below Grade 2) and have shown good school attendance. We may also consider applicants who have higher grades in vocational subjects, but who have not been able to secure a place on a main vocational programme.

What Will I Study?

You will work towards a Level 1 Certificate in Skills for Learning and Employment and GSCE English and maths. You will also take part in weekly vocational sessions in areas with the aim to progress onto a full vocational programme after successful completion.

Inclusive Learning

Our Inclusive Learning department provides a nurturing environment, which supports students with a wide range of special educational needs and disabilities.

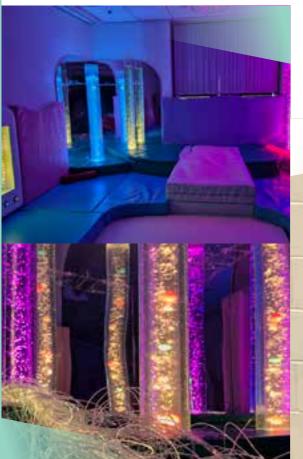
We want our students to be fully engaged in their own choices, making informed and safe decisions about their future steps into independent living or work.

Students will follow a pathway aligned to their goals, made up of elements such as;

- work skills including communication and teamwork
- life skills such as money management, cookery and safe travel.
- English and maths,
- Open Awards qualifications,
- work experience designed to meet their EHCP outcomes and their identified individual development.

At the end of their pathway, students will leave us with skills for life and an understanding of the importance of their physical and mental wellbeing.







The King's Trust





Improve your confidence, gain work experience and get back into education or employment with this free, 12-week employability and personal development programme with Merseyside Fire and Rescue.

You will gain a nationally recognised qualification which is held in high regard by employers. Over the last five years, three in four young people supported by The King's Trust moved into work, education or training.

This programme is open to anyone aged 16–25, with multiple start dates available throughout the year.

Programmes will be delivered from:

- Bootle and Netherton Community Fire Station
- Prescot Community Fire Station
- Wallasey Community Fire Station



If you wish to find out more about the programme, please contact the team:

youthengagementteam@merseyfire.gov.uk 0151296 4000

Supported Internship

The Supported Internship Programme is a partnership between St Helens College and St Helens Council, which provides students, aged 16-25 with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP), the opportunity to gain valuable work experience, which could lead to future employment or voluntary work.

How long does it last?

The programme starts in September and runs over one academic year, giving interns the chance to experience a full-time work placement and demonstrate their ability in the role over a long-term placement.



The working week

Each intern will spend four days a week on a work placement, gaining valuable skills and experience and one day a week at College, developing their employability and independence skills with their Job Coach and Employability Tutor.

What are the benefits of completing this programme?

- Increased levels of confidence and independence
- Development of new skills within an active work environment
- Demonstration of value in the workplace and making a positive contribution
- Positive changes in employer and family perceptions
- Valuable experience to enhance CV
- Improvement in English and maths skills, enhancing preparedness for work
- Expanded social circle and networking opportunities
- Potential for financial independence through paid employment

Click here to find out more!









Anma Hanagement



Are you passionate about caring for animals? You'll gain practical experience in our indoor and outdoor facilities and science lab, working with over 50 different animal species, learning how to maintain their welfare, while exploring everything from anatomy and physiology to animal behaviour.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/animal





£26k - £40k

Veterinary Physiotherapist

£24k - £38k

Zookeeper

£19k - £28k

*Salary data collected from various sources, see contents page for details, July 2025

Veterinary Nurse

£24k - £32k

Marine Biologist

£26k - £35k

Rehoming and Welfare Coordinator

£24k - £27k

KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Compassion and empathy
- Good verbal and written communication
- Can work independently and part of a team
- Problem-solving

INDUSTRY LINKS





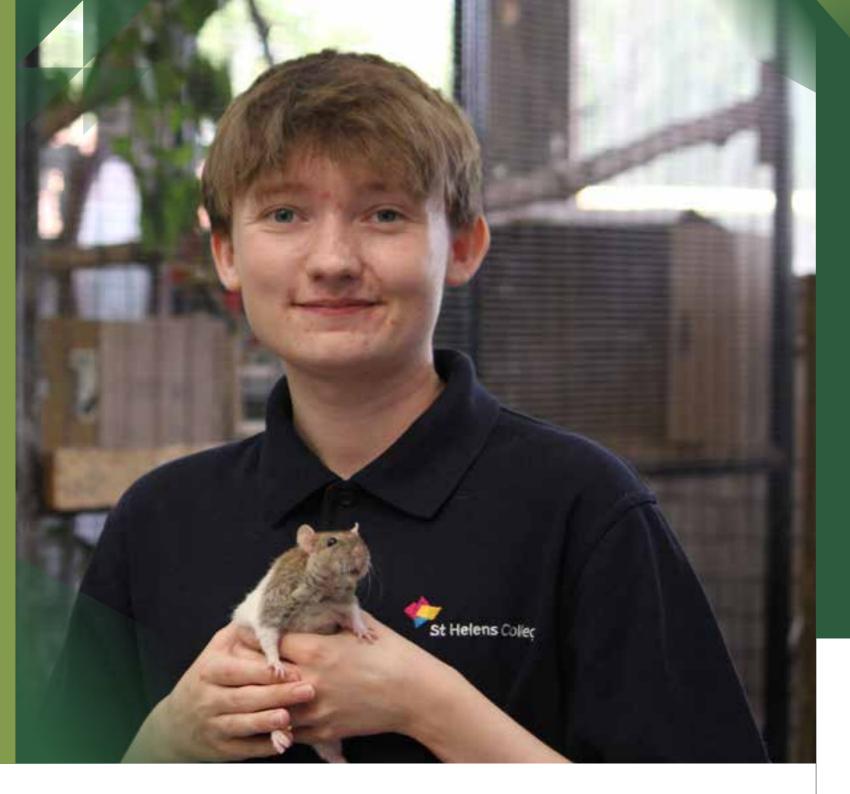


STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Students had an unforgettable Discovery Day at Glyndŵr University's Northop Campus, featuring an invertebrate talk, handling session, and campus tour, offering an insight into university life and opportunities in science.







ISGAR

Aspiring

ZOO CONSERVATIONIST

I started on a Foundation Learning course while managing caring responsibilities and overcoming significant life challenges, including joining college without any GCSEs. College has changed everything; my tutors have supported me every step of the way and created a safe and inclusive environment. I'm excited to be heading to Liverpool John Moores **University to study Animal Behaviour!**

Joined us from: Home Schooled Classroom: Level 3 Animal Management University: Animal Behaviour at Liverpool John Moores University



Available

Automotive

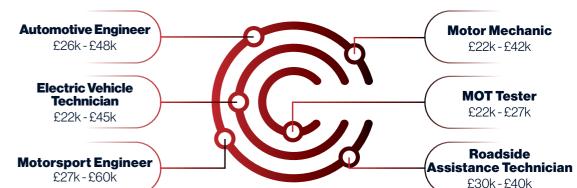
Technical • Apprenticeships ONE SUBJECT, FULL-TIME **Automotive Maintenance** L1 **Vehicle Inspection** L2 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths 2 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths, and/or a relevant level 1 qualification **Apprenticeships**



As the automotive industry evolves - driven by electric vehicles, digital tech, and sustainability - there's never been a better time to explore the vast range of careers available. Based in our Automotive Hub, you'll gain hands-on experience, learning from IMI-registered, industry-experienced tutors.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/automotive

CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



*Salary data collected from various sources, see contents page for details, July 2025

KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Good technical skills
- Good communication skills
- Can work independently and part of a team
- Problem-solving

INDUSTRY LINKS







STUDENT EXPERIENCE

We have great partnerships with big employers, which means you'll have access to some fantastic work experience opportunities. Many of our students go on to secure employment with their work placement employers.



Technical • T Levels • Apprenticeships ONE SUBJECT, FULL-TIME

Business

L1 L2 L3

7-LEVEL

Business Management and Administration (Team Leadership 7 and Management)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- 2 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths
- 7 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and maths







Whether you aspire to become a manager, set up your own business or work as part of a team, this industry has a range of exciting careers on offer. With access to leading business professionals including our very own tutors, you will explore all aspects of business, from project management and marketing to organisational structures, to ensure you have what it takes to succeed.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/business

CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



£27-£60k

Legal Secretary

£20k - £45k

Accounting Technician

£20k - £34k



Financial Manager

£28k - £100k+

Investment Analyst

£22k - £65k

Social Media Manager

£25k-£60k

*Salary data collected from various sources, see contents page for details, July 2025

KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Good communication skills
- Good digital skills
- Reliable and presentable
- Confident
- Ability to multi-task

INDUSTRY LINKS







STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Students attended a guest lecture by Skip Kelly from Rapid Transformational Therapy, exploring global industry collaboration, strategies for building resilience and guided discussions to help students reflect on their career goals.





Aspiring
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER

One of my favourite parts of the course was managing an event, alongside modules like marketing and international business. My placement at Roy Castle Lung Foundation was incredible. The team made me feel so welcome. I learnt so much, felt supported, and was always encouraged to ask questions. It was a brilliant experience that really boosted my confidence.

Joined us from: Hope Academy
Classroom: Level 3 Business
University: Business Management at Liverpool John Moores University



Catering and Hospitality



From working in our fast-paced kitchen and fine dining restaurant, Colours, to entering competitions and gaining insight from guest speakers - you'll have access to incredible opportunities. We are proud of our links with top chefs in the industry including some who have even appeared on MasterChef!

www.sthelens.ac.uk/catering

CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Strong customer service skills
- Strong teamwork skills
- Strong communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Excellent time management

INDUSTRY LINKS







STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Students collaborated with Chef, Mark Warrington, whose career includes The Savoy and Michelin-starred kitchens. He now mentors aspiring chefs, guiding them in crafting fine dining dishes with expert techniques and creativity.









Inspiring CHEF DE PARTIE



During college, I competed in several culinary competitions, reaching the final and placing 4th in the Delifresh Young Chef of the Year. My tutors were incredible mentors, even driving three hours to support me! Working in Michelin-starred restaurants like Moor Hall and Solo gave me a real taste of the industry and confirmed that this is exactly what I want to be doing in the future.

Joined us from: Rainhill High School Classroom: Level 3 Professional Cookery Career: Inspiring Chef de Partie





Computing and T

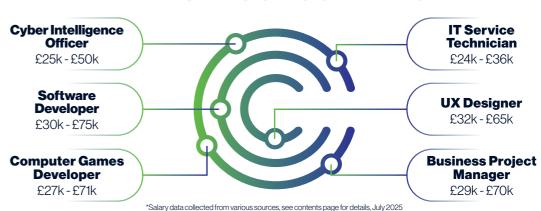




Computing and IT is a very creative field that combines innovation with methodical thinking and problem-solving, and the skills that you will develop on your course can be transferred to a huge range of careers. From entering competitions to gaining insight from guest speakers – your course is enriched with lots of activities to enhance your studies.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/IT

CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Good communication skills
- Good digital skills
- Methodical approach to tasks
- Strong problem-solving skills
- Good time management

INDUSTRY LINKS







STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Students visited Bletchley Park, where the Enigma Code was famously cracked. They explored encryption and decryption, historic grounds, and connected wartime codebreaking with their cyber security studies.





Aspiring AEROSPACE SOFTWARE ENGINEER

I've always had an interest in IT and started coding at 13. I love solving problems and figuring out what's gone wrong. Taking part in the Merseyside Police Cyber Challenge was a great way to test my skills. Now I've secured a degree apprenticeship with BAE Systems, working full-time while earning a funded degree. It's a brilliant opportunity.

Joined us from: Cowley International College

Course: Level 3 Computing and IT

Career: Aerospace Software Engineering Degree Apprenticeship

with BAE Systems



Construction

Lt

L1 L2

Technical • Apprenticeships

ONE SUBJECT, FULL-TIME

Construction Multi Skills

Bricklaying L1 L2

Carpentry and Joinery

Electrical Installation L1 L2

Painting and Decorating L1 L2

Plastering L1 L2

Plumbing L1 L2

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 3 GCSEs at grade 1 or above including English and/or maths
- 3 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- 2 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths and a relevant level 1 qualification
- 3 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and/or maths and a relevant level 1 qualification

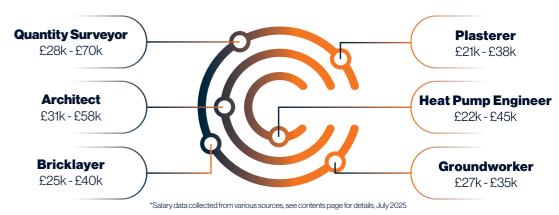




At our STEM Centre Campus and £500k Green Energy Skills Centre, we have incredible immersive environments with real, made-to-scale structures, for you to decorate, plaster, renovate and build in. From entering industry competitions such as WorldSkills to gaining first-hand insight from guest speakers – every day is different.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/construction

CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Physical strength and endurance
- Good communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Comfortable working with heights
- Good problem-solving skills

INDUSTRY LINKS



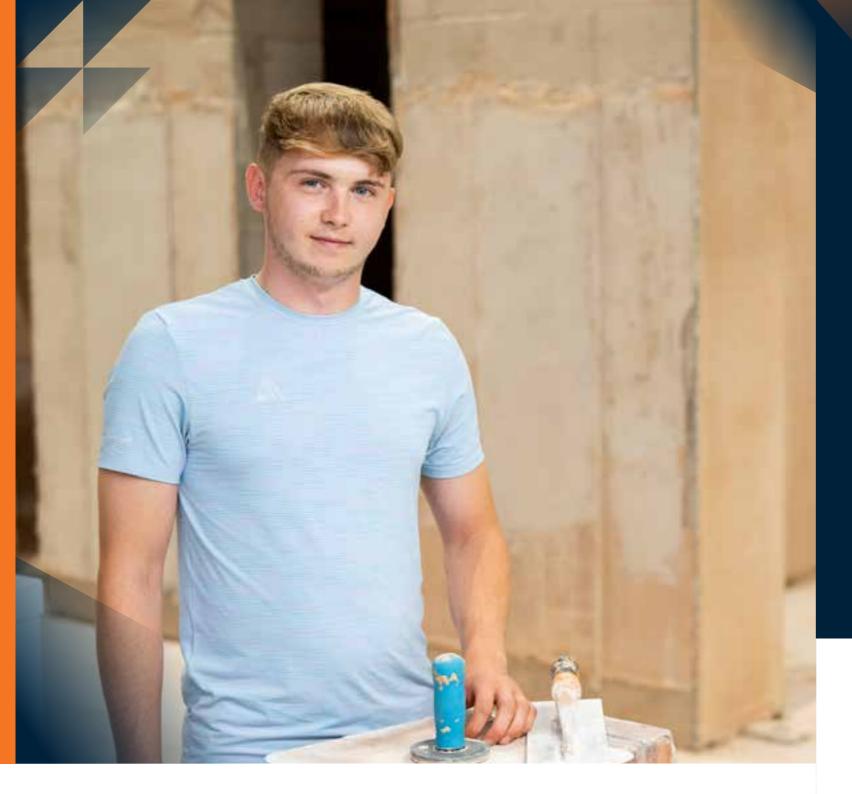




STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Plumbing students at our Green Energy Skills Centre welcomed Polypipe for a hands-on session exploring drainage, heating, and water systems. They even showed off their skills crafting custom Polypipe frames!







Inspiring PLASTERER

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I was honoured to be chosen as British Gypsum's Plastering Student of the Year. It's given me the confidence I needed as I begin my full-time role with HMS. I'm proud to have achieved a distinction and really grateful to my tutors for their support throughout my apprenticeship. I'm excited to see what's next in my career!

Joined us from: Cowley International College Classroom: Level 2 Plastering Apprenticeship Career: Plasterer with HMS



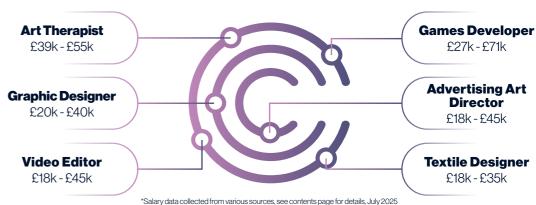
Creative Arts



Working in our specialist studio spaces, such as our painting studios, green screen infinity cove, editing suites and photography dark room, you will have the opportunity to unleash your creativity and explore a range of disciplines to help you decide which career path to follow.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/arts





KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Creative and open mindset
- Can collaborate with others
- Resilience
- Self-motivated and disciplined
- Good time management

INDUSTRY LINKS

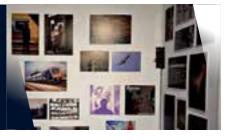






STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Students hosted Expressions of Tomorrow, a vibrant exhibition featuring photography, media, art installations, and live music, celebrating imagination through immersive sound and storytelling.







DALE

Aspiring PHOTOGRAPHER



In my two years at the College, I've built strong editing, camera, and studio lighting skills, won two major photography awards and appeared on The One Show! The highlight of my student experience was helping organise our class exhibitions, designing visuals, prepping prints, and seeing the public engage with our work.

Joined us from: Rainford High School Classroom: Level 3 Photography Career: Aspiring Photographer





STUDENT WOR

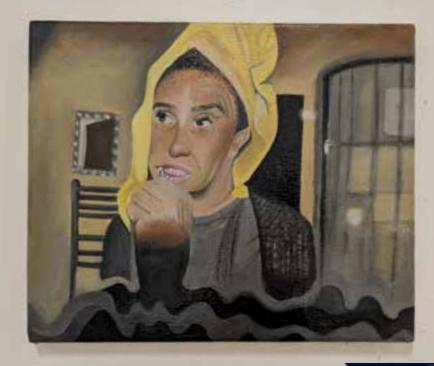
Yann
Level 3 Content Creation (Media)











Holly
Level 3 Art and Design

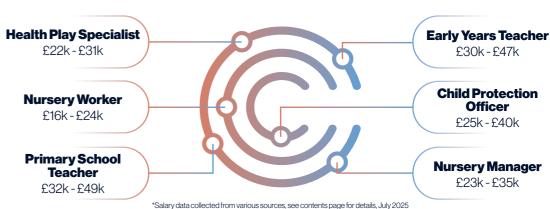
Early Years



Working with children and young people is a hugely rewarding career and there is high demand for skilled professionals. From fundraising activities, trips and guest speaker workshops to learning in our realistic early years setting, which has story time areas, a mud room, and facilities for creative play, your course is enriched with lots of opportunities.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/earlyyears

CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Strong communication skills
- Empathetic and patient nature
- Excellent listening skills
- Mature and responsible attitude
- Ability to work calmly under pressure

INDUSTRY LINKS







STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Students embraced Forest School at Beacon Country Park, climbing trees, and exploring nature, reflecting on how outdoor adventures foster children's growth, confidence, and wellbeing through risk-taking and self-discovery.





7-LEVEL
Early Years Educator

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English language and maths
- 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English language and maths
- 7 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and maths









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Aspiring

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER

I honestly couldn't have asked for better tutors. They were so supportive, and understanding. They made the course run smoothly and were always there when we needed them. Their encouragement has meant so much, and now I'm excited to take the next step towards becoming a Primary School Teacher, inspired by everything they've taught me.

Joined us from: St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
Classroom: T Level Early Years Educator
Career: Aspiring Primary School Teacher



Based at our STEM Centre Campus, you will have access to specialist industry workshops including our £1m Centre for Precision Engineering, equipped with the latest Wi-Fi enabled Haas CNC Machines, Milling Machines and Haas Simulators!

www.sthelens.ac.uk/engineering

ONE SUBJECT, FULL-TIME

Engineering

L1 L3

L2

L2

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Electrical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

7-LEVEL

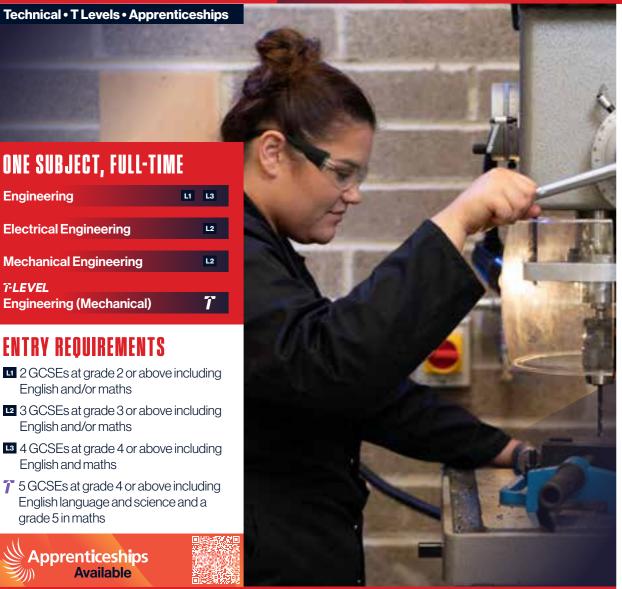
Engineering (Mechanical)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- 2 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths
- 7 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and science and a grade 5 in maths







CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Methodical approach to tasks
- Good maths skills
- Strong problem-solving
- Good communication skills

INDUSTRY LINKS







STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Mechanical Engineering students visited Astech to explore robotics careers and tech innovation. CEO, Craig Hamilton, a proud College alumnus, shared his journey from Business Development Manager to leading Astech's growth.

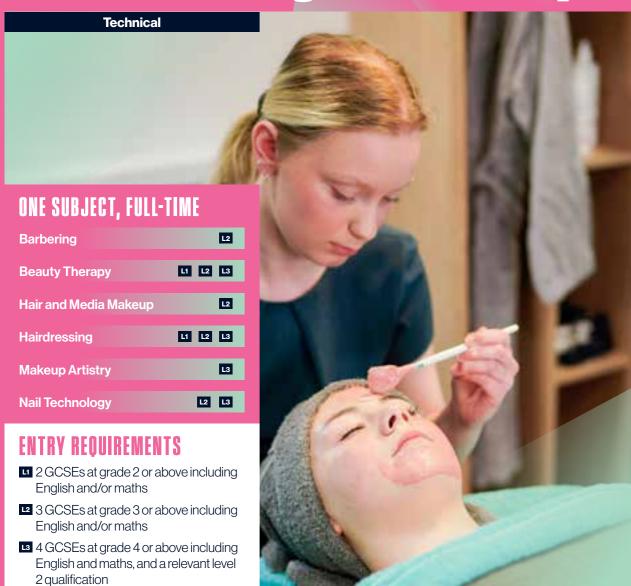


Hairdressing and Beauty



Based in our commercial salon, The Lounge, which has treatment rooms, a hair salon, and a nail bar, you'll be working with the latest beauty brands such as Eve Taylor, Glitterbels by Annabel and Wella, gaining all the necessary skills and experience to launch your career in the industry! You'll also have the opportunity to take part in industry competitions.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/hairandbeauty



CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER

Hairdresser

Beauty Therapist

£16k - £25k

Aesthetician

£22k-£43k

Reflexologist £22k-£43k

Nail Technician

Salon Manager

*Salary data collected from various sources, see contents page for details, July 2025

KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

Good communication skills

- Creativity
- Active listening
- Good interpersonal skills
- Excellent time management skills

INDUSTRY LINKS







STUDENT EXPERIENCE

For the second year running, our Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, and Nail students have won 'Best College in the Northwest' at the AHT Competition, earning awards across 22 categories and making us proud!







Inspiring HAIR STYLIST

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During the course, we met inspiring guest speakers who shared real career opportunities. One that stood out was Steiner Cruise Liners. Their visit motivated me to apply, and I'm thrilled to have secured a role as a Hair Stylist. I'll be starting my new journey, travelling the world and doing what I love. I couldn't be more excited!

Joined us from: Hope Academy
Course: Level 3 Hairdressing

Career: Hairdresser at Steiner Cruise Liner





Health and Social Care



This sector provides diverse career opportunities with an estimated 650,000 workers needed by 2035 to meet increasing demand. Whilst gaining hands-on experience in real, healthcare settings alongside your course, you'll have access to our £151k Hospital Simulation Ward, equipped with patient mannequins. physiological measurement machines and an AED simulator!

www.sthelens.ac.uk/health

Technical • T Levels • Apprenticeships



Health and Social Care

Adult Social Care

T-LEVEL

Health (Supporting the Adult Nursing Team)

L3

L1 L2 L3

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- 2 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths
- 7 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language, maths, and science







CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER

Healthcare Assistant

£22k-£28k

Ambulance Care Assistant

£24k - £27k

Mental Health Nurse

£31k - £47k

Occupational Therapist

£31k - £47k

Cognitive **Behavioural Therapist**

£39k - £55k

Midwife £28k-£50k

*Salary data collected from various sources, see contents page for details, July 2025

KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Excellent communication skills
- Empathetic and patient nature
- Ability to work calmly under pressure
- Good listening skills

Resilience

INDUSTRY LINKS







STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Students gained practical nursing experience in our Hospital Simulation Ward, guided by Miriam, a Senior Lecturer and certified Children's Nurse from Liverpool John Moores University.



MSG

Whether you're producing your own tracks, mixing sound, or mastering audio, you'll be challenged and trained in our outstanding facilities, including our recording studio and editing suites, to compete with the best in the industry. You'll also be using the latest software such as Logic Pro!

www.sthelens.ac.uk/music

CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



*Salary data collected from various sources, see contents page for details, July 2025

KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Creative and open mindset
- Good communication skills
- Can collaborate with others
- Self-motivated and disciplined
- Resilience

INDUSTRY LINKS



Education



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Music students took the lead at The World of Glass, planning and performing at an Open Mic Night with St Helens Library, gaining real-world experience in event management and live performance.





Performing Arts





We have an incredible partnership with Shakespeare North Playhouse, which provides unique opportunities for you to experience the venue as a creative professional. Whether you are on stage performing, behind-the-scenes working on sound and lighting, or creating your very own script, you will be challenge and trained to compete with the very best in the industry.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/performingarts

CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



£15k - £100k

Community Arts Worker

£19k - £29k

Stagehand

£21k - £32k

Lighting Technician

£16k - £40k

Dance Movement Psychotherapist

£39k-£55k

Stage Manager £25k - £48k

*Salary data collected from various sources, see contents page for details, July 2025

KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Creativity and confidence
- Good communication skills
- Can collaborate with others
- Self-motivated and disciplined
- Resilience

INDUSTRY LINKS





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STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Students engaged with acclaimed artist Larry Achiampong, who shared his multidisciplinary practice in film, sound, and performance, exploring culture, class, identity, and advocating for artist rights and representation.





POPPY

Aspiring **ACTRESS**

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The College made me feel seen and supported from day one. My tutors pushed me to grow as an actress and encouraged me to audition for the Liverpool Young Everyman and Playhouse Youth Theatre, where I've now been a member for two years. I'm excited to start my degree at Arden School of Theatre and grab every opportunity I can.

Joined us from: De La Salle School

Classroom: Level 3 Performing and Production Arts

University: Theatre and Performance at Arden School of Theatre

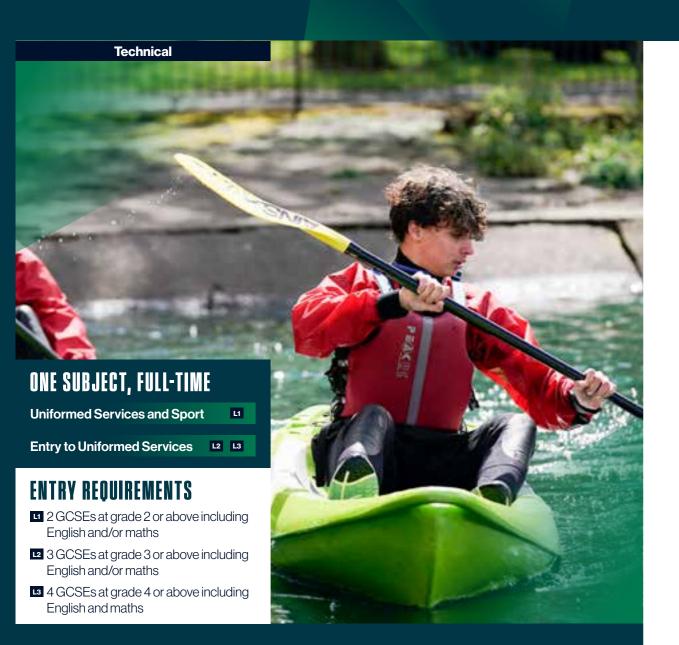


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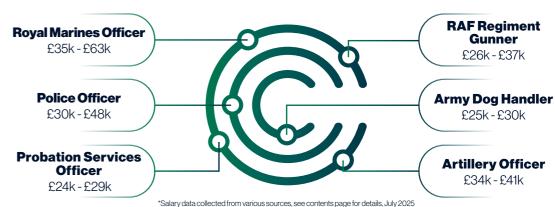


Whether you are in our state-of-the-art gym improving your physical fitness, climbing a mountain in Wales to learn navigation and team leading skills, or taking part in training with the armed services and protective forces - our tutors will prepare you mentally and physically to enter the service of your choice.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/publicuniformed



CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Good level of physical fitness
- Good communication skills
- Can work calmly under pressure
- Good problem-solving skillsCan work independently and in a team

INDUSTRY LINKS







STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Students tackled real firefighter challenges at St Helens Community Fire Station, from hose runs to dummy drags, while gaining expert career advice and insight into joining the Fire and Rescue Service.





Studying science can lead to many exciting careers in an industry full of innovation. Working in our fully equipped laboratories and learning from tutors who have years of experience working in various settings such as commercial laboratories, microbiology and analytical research, you can expect lots of handson work, conducting experiments!

www.sthelens.ac.uk/science

CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



*Salary data collected from various sources, see contents page for details, July 2025

KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Good technical skills
- Excellent time management skills
- Attention to detail
- Critical thinking
- Strong problem-solving skills

INDUSTRY LINKS







STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Students were recently inspired by The Scouse Scientist, who shared her journey from a working-class background to Oxford University, encouraging belief in potential, regardless of background or academic pathway.





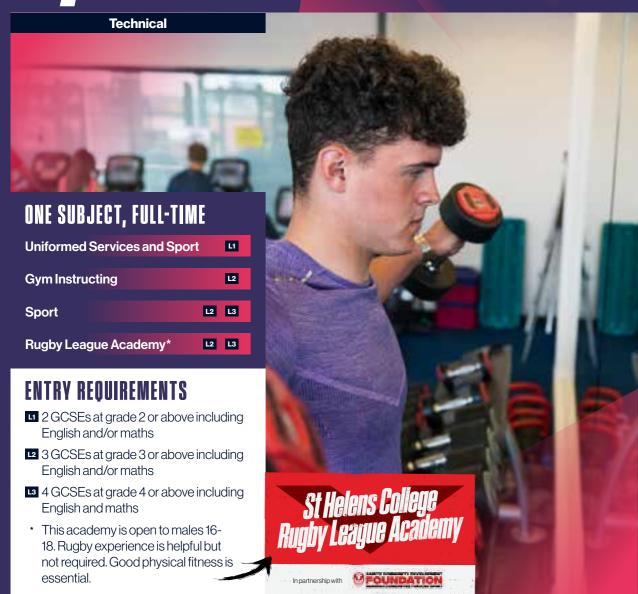


Sports and Fitness



Sport is a collaborative industry that creates a powerful platform to inspire and bring about lasting positive change for individuals and communities. Your classroom will be our state-of-the-art gym, exercise studio, sports therapy suite and outdoor facilities, not to mention plenty of opportunities to take part in adventurous activities. We also have launched a new Rugby League Academy with St Helens RFC!

www.sthelens.ac.uk/sport



CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Good level of physical fitness
- Good interpersonal skills
- Can work independently and part of a team
- Strong communication skills

INDUSTRY LINKS







STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Sports students enjoyed an action-packed day at Liverpool Watersport Centre, conquering assault courses and canoe challenges, testing strength, stamina, and teamwork while having fun and building strong connections with their peers.





CALUM

Aspiring **SPORTS COACH**

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The College has helped to build my confidence and find my passion for the sector through sports coaching and leadership. I've gained valuable experience on my placement as a Teaching Assistant with St Leo's and Southmead Catholic Primary School, which has led to part-time employment with them!

Joined us from: Rainhill High School Classroom: Level 3 Sport Career: Aspiring Sports Coach



Tava and Tourism

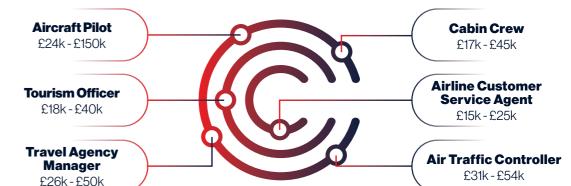


Discover a world of opportunities with roles that allow you to indulge in your passion for travel and adventure, whilst creating memorable experiences for others. Our courses are jam-packed with exciting trips, work placements and industry-based training - you even have your own professional uniform, which meets the standards expected in industry.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/travel



CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER



*Salary data collected from various sources, see contents page for details, July 2025

KEY SKILLS YOU WILL NEED

- Active listening
- Excellent communication skills.
- Adaptability and flexibility
- Cultural awareness
- Enthusiastic and friendly disposition

INDUSTRY LINKS





STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Travel and Tourism students explored career pathways at TUI Warrington Superstore, gaining first-hand insight into the Travel Adviser role and the skills needed for success in the fast-paced travel industry.



Education, Health and Care Plan (FICP)

An Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is a formal legal document that outlines long-term individual support needs across education, health and care. It is issued by your Local Education Authority (LEA) to children and young people up to the age of 25.

If you have received additional support in school and have an EHCP in place, the College will need a copy of your current and recently reviewed EHCP (within the last 12 months).

You should contact your local authority to request that your EHCP is sent to College as soon as you apply.

Please note: this is not the same as general support you may have received in school, such as help from a teacher or teaching assistant with classwork.

The College cannot fully process your application until we have received your EHCP from your local authority. Once we receive it, we will carry out an assessment to determine whether we can meet your needs and will let you know the outcome.

If you're unsure whether you have an EHCP, please contact your local authority or school SEN Coordinator before completing your application form, as this may cause delays.

How to Apply to St Helens College

Research Your Options

After having a look through this prospectus, you'll start getting a feel of what you might like to do after school. Check out **www.sthelens.ac.uk** for further details about our technical courses, T Levels and apprenticeships.

Attend an Open Event You'll get to explore our facilities, m

You'll get to explore our facilities, meet tutors and students, and discover what college life is all about! Join us at one of our Open Events:

- Wednesday 15th October 2025 | 5pm 7pm
- Wednesday 26th November 2025 | 5pm 7pm
- Wednesday 4th February 2026 | 5pm 7pm

Submit Your Application

You've done your research and have hopefully had the chance to visit us in person, so now it's time to submit your application. It's quick and easy - all you need to do is visit: www.sthelens.ac.uk/apply We encourage you to do this before December.

Applicant Evening

Once your application has been processed you will be invited to an Applicant Evening on **Wednesday 25th March 2026**. This event is a chance for you to find out more about your chosen course, and have a go at course - related activities.

Keeping in Touch

We'll be keeping in touch throughout the year, sharing updates about all the exciting events happening at the College. Don't forget to follow us on our social's so you don't miss out on all the latest College news!

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Experience Day

Join us on **Thursday 2nd July 2026** to celebrate the start of summer and to get ready for college life in September! You'll meet your future classmates, and find out what kit and equipment you might need. There's also lots of fun activities and free food!

Enrol with Us

Once you've collected your GCSE results, come into college on **Thursday 20th August 2026** to enrol and secure your place. You'll also be able to get information on financial support and help with English and maths. **Places are limited, so we recommend enrolling as early as possible.**

Click the QR code to apply!







2025

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2026

Wednesday 4th February | 5pm-7pm



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