



St Helens College

Applicant Evening

Parent Welcome

Entry Criteria

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| Level 1 | = | 2x GCSE's at grade 2 or above including English and/or Maths | |
| Level 2 | = | 3x GCSE's at grade 3 or above including English and/or Maths | |
| Level 3 | = | 4x GCSE's at grade 4 or above including English AND Maths | |
| T Level | = | 5x GCSE's at grade 4 or above including English Language, Maths and Science | = Health & Animal Management |
| | = | 5x GCSE's at grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths | = Early Years |
| | = | 5x GCSE's at grade 4 or above including English Language and Science and a grade 5 in Maths | = Engineering |
| | = | 5x GCSE's at grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths | = Business |

Please note that entry criteria for some courses may differ from what is shown here.

Please refer to the individual course information sheet for course specific entry requirements.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

For all applicants who do not achieve 2 x Grade 2s in their GCSE's we a range of courses available to applicants in our school of "Preparation for Life and Work".

We offer E3 courses in Work Skills and Life Skills.

L1 in Life Skills

L1 in Foundation Learning.

These courses are specifically designed for applicants who have not followed a "traditional" path throughout Secondary School and focus much more on personal development rather than subject specific, vocational teaching and learning. They are all one full academic year long and students typically study Functional Skills, not GCSE's.

THE STUDY PROGRAMME

A students timetable is typically just three days a week.

They typically have approximately 10-12 hours per week in “Vocational Lessons”

+ 3 hours a week in Maths (if needed)

+ 3 hours a week in English (if needed)

+ 1.5 hours a week of Personal Development / Tutorial

+ Work Placement

We have a wide ranging and varied curriculum offer from Entry Level through to Degree level with more than 2/3 students staying with us for more than one year.

ATTENDANCE

To ensure that your child has the best chance of successfully achieving their qualifications, excellent attendance and punctuality is vital. They are required to attend every session as stated on their timetable.

We monitor attendance very carefully and take early interventions if we believe that non-attendance is going to have an adverse impact on their studies. We would, therefore, request that holidays are not taken in term time.

Every student is expected to be in at the very least 90% of the time. When a student drops below 87% action will need to be taken and we welcome your support with this.

For all learners Under 18 (or those with an EHCP) we will communicate with home as often as we can. Once learners are 18 some communication becomes restricted due to GDPR regulations and them becoming an adult.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Experience is essential for helping your child secure their future career. That's why we work closely with local and regional employers to offer industry placements and volunteering opportunities that help students develop valuable skills.

As part of their study programme, your child must complete work-related experience:

- 18 hours if they are resitting English and/or Maths
- 40 hours if they are not resitting these subjects

Work placements give students the chance to:

- Build a stronger CV
- Explore career interests
- Meet new people
- Develop key skills
- Discover their strengths

COMMUNICATION FROM COLLEGE

We recognise that parents and carers are the biggest influence on a young person's career choices. Therefore, we offer help and guidance to parents and carers at critical stages in the student's time with us.

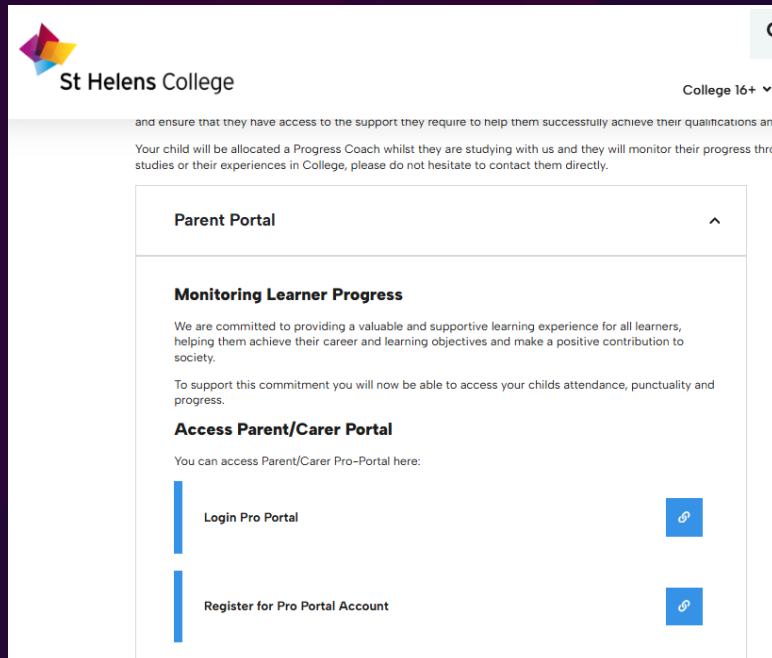
To support this, we offer :

- Parent Welcome Events during the first few weeks of term
- Provide impartial careers information, advice, and guidance to all parents and carers
- Careers Coordinator Appointments
- Parent Evenings (December and May)
- GCSE Exam Parent Information sessions.
- Monthly Student Performance Emails.

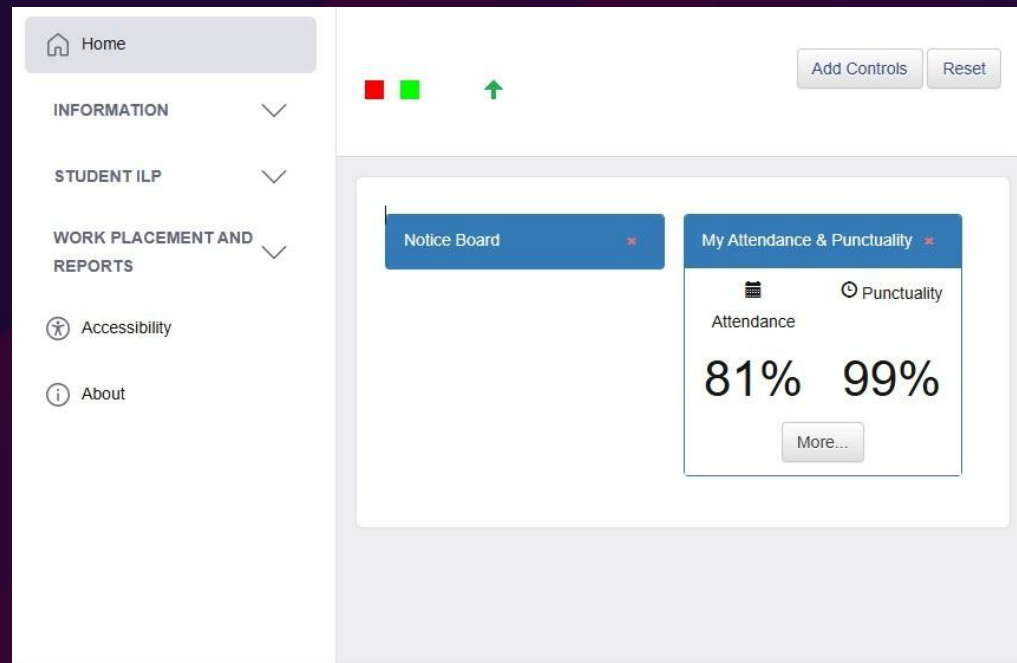
KEEPING YOU UPDATED

We provide a Parent Portal where you can easily access information about your young person's progress, including tutor comments, attendance, and progress towards target grades.

We also host two online Parents & Carers Evenings each academic year. Invitations are sent to the email address provided at enrolment.



The screenshot shows the St Helens College Parent Portal landing page. At the top left is the college logo and name. Below it, there is a section titled "Parent Portal" with a sub-section "Monitoring Learner Progress" containing text about the college's commitment to supporting learners. At the bottom, there are two links: "Login Pro Portal" and "Register for Pro Portal Account", each with a blue link icon.



The screenshot shows the dashboard of the Parent Portal. On the left is a navigation menu with items: Home, INFORMATION, STUDENT ILP, WORK PLACEMENT AND REPORTS, Accessibility, and About. On the right, there are two main widgets. The first is "Notice Board" with a red 'x' icon. The second is "My Attendance & Punctuality" with a red 'x' icon. This widget displays "Attendance" at 81% and "Punctuality" at 99%. There are also "Add Controls" and "Reset" buttons at the top right of the dashboard area.

TRIPS AND VISITS

Learning doesn't have to take place in a classroom.

This year our students have visited Paris, Madrid, Cyprus, Thailand, Bali, Ireland and Poland!
We plan many more opportunities next year.

We use a system called “evolve” to communicate with parents RE: trips and visits so another reason to please ensure we have all of your correct details at enrolment please.



SWAP DON'T DROP



Swap Don't Drop is available to all students. If, at the start of term, your child is thinking about changing their course, please encourage them to speak with their Tutor or Personal Development Tutor. They can talk through their options and help them make the best decision.

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)

- One-to-one support in class

Study Skills Support

- Access to specialist equipment
- Communication support for British Sign Language and Sign Supported English users
- Assistance with any personal care and healthcare needs with on site HCA's.
- Mobility assistance

Please ensure that at enrolment you bring along any evidence of medical support so that we can continue with the support that you are used to. Please ensure you make us aware of any needs on the enrolment portal. Please ask school for a form 8 or 9 too to support with Exam Concessions.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We want to make sure that every student can make the most out of their college experience.

We don't want you to have to worry about the costs of coming to college – there is lots of financial support options available to them!

- **Free Mersey Travel Bus Pass for all learners.**
- **Free Breakfast for all learners (until 8:50)**
- **Free College Lunch***
- **Course specific equipment (Uniforms etc...)**
- We will provide “Bursary” applications forms to all students at the Experience Day on 30th June.

Their future. Their path. Their choice.



Personal Development Tutor



Safeguarding, Mental Health & Wellbeing



Careers Advisors

College is where memories happen



At St Helens College, their journey matters. From day one to their next steps, they'll have the support and guidance they need, every step of the way.



Ne»xt Steps

- 1.** They've confirmed their offer today
- 2.** Pre Enrol
- 3.** Stay in touch
- 4.** Experience Day Thursday 2nd July
- 5.** Enrol with us Thursday 20th August

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