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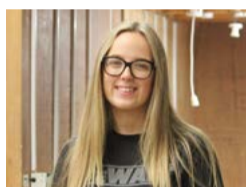


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STUDENTS EMBARK ON A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CULTURAL JOURNEY TO BALI

Public Services, Hair and Beauty, Catering and Travel students return from an unforgettable trip to Bali. From hands-on workshops and cultural experiences to once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, the adventure brought their learning to life in a global setting. Read more on page 14.

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Recognising Excellence at Employer and Apprentice Awards

We celebrated the success of our apprentices and local employers at our Employer and Apprentice Awards. The event recognised the hard work, talent and creativity of apprentices, as well as the businesses that support them. With over 750 employers working with us across the Northwest, the awards shared inspiring success stories and celebrated winners and nominees alongside their families, friends and tutors.

Armed Forces and Blue-Light Services Inspire Students at Careers Fair

Representatives from the armed forces and emergency services visited the college to highlight diverse career paths.

Public and Uniformed Services Tutor Grant said the event "offered an incredible chance for students to explore the wide range of career pathways within the armed forces and protective services. It was an eye-opener to the opportunities available."

Fellow tutor Kelvin added: "The college's strong industry links give our students a real advantage when it comes to finding employment after their time with us."



Mia Celebrates Double Award Success for Apprenticeship Excellence

Shining a spotlight on Mia

Mia has had an incredible year, winning two major apprentice awards for her hard work and impact in construction. She was named Apprentice of the Year at the St Helens Business Awards for her professionalism and positive contribution to HMS and the wider community, and also crowned Level 3 Construction Apprenticeship of the Year at the 2025 Construction Apprenticeship Awards, recognising her dedication, resilience and inspiring advocacy for women in construction.

Students Shine at Liverpool Gourmet Gala



Food Production, Cooking, and Professional Food and Beverage students supported leading chefs at Hilton Liverpool's Gourmet Gala, showcasing their fine-dining skills in aid of the British Red Cross and the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts Adopt a School Trust.



Paris Visit Inspires Early Years Students

Early Years learners jettied off to Paris for an unforgettable experience, exploring how Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) is brought to life at Disneyland Paris. From inclusive storytelling to diverse characters and immersive attractions, students saw how Disney makes everyone feel represented and welcome. The trip gave them fresh ideas and real-world inspiration they can take back into the classroom and into their future careers working with young children.



T Level Health students mark restart a heart day with CPR awareness



T Level Health students marked Restart a Heart Day by promoting CPR awareness and encouraging the public to feel more confident in lifesaving skills. The activity supported the Resuscitation Council UK's work to improve cardiac arrest response.



From Classroom to Community: Student Art on Show in St Helens



Artwork created by our Level 3 and Honours Degree students in Art, Graphic Design and Media was displayed in St Helens town centre as part of the "What It Means to Us" project. The real-world project gave students the chance to see their work showcased publicly and helped bring colour, creativity and community spirit to the town.



Celebrating Our Third Consecutive Win at AHT Northwest Competition

Our brilliant Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy and Nail students brought incredible energy to Blackpool last month. They collected an impressive range of awards across blow-drying, makeup, nail artistry, fantasy hair, bridal styling, high-fashion looks and more. Their creativity and confidence lit up the competition, and we couldn't be prouder of everything they achieved.



Cooking Up the Future with Industry-Standard Kitchens

Catering students at our Town Centre Campus now have access to brand-new, industry-standard kitchens designed for real-world learning. The facilities feature professional-level induction cookers, iVario systems and Rational ovens - the same equipment used across the catering industry, helping students develop practical skills for future careers.



Students Explore Skills and Opportunities at Volunteering Event

Students took part in an inspiring on-campus event highlighting how volunteering builds confidence, develops new skills and expands networks - proving it's not just about giving back, but gaining valuable experience for the future.



College Launches New Partnership with Vibe UK to Build Key Life Skills

The college has teamed up with youth charity Vibe UK to embed its Relationship Framework 4 (RF4) into the curriculum, helping students develop vital personal, social and professional skills. Covering self-awareness, one-to-one relationships, teamwork and contribution to society, RF4 strengthens confidence, resilience and empathy qualities valued by employers as much as academic achievement.



Electrical Apprentice Chelsie Named SPARKS Runner-Up

Electrical Apprentice Chelsie has secured Runner-Up in the 2026 SPARKS Learner of the Year competition standing out as the only female competitor among seven North West colleges and excelling in the electrical installation challenge. This achievement follows her recent success at our Employer and Apprentice Awards, where she was crowned Construction Services Apprentice of the Year. Tutor Michael praised her dedication, calling her skills and professionalism "a true testament to her hard work and commitment."



Public Services Students Get Hands-On Experience at Local Fire Station

Students explored different career pathways during a visit to a local fire station. They took part in fitness tests and tried on BA (breathing apparatus) equipment, which firefighters use to breathe safely in smoke-filled buildings. The hands-on experience gave them a real insight into life in the fire service and inspired them to think about future careers.

Guest Chef Night Showcases Student Talent with Executive Chef Andrew Green

Colours Restaurant hosted an unforgettable Guest Chef Night with Andrew Green, Executive Chef at The Municipal Hotel Liverpool. Catering students worked alongside him in a high-pressure, professional kitchen environment, gaining confidence, hands-on experience and a taste of top-level hospitality. The dishes dazzled, the atmosphere was electric, and our learners shone throughout the evening.



Students Take On Royal Navy Rescue Training at Formby Beach

Public Services students took part in a simulated rescue scenario at Formby Beach, gaining hands-on experience in emergency response, teamwork and real-time decision-making. Delivered by the Royal Navy as part of their Emergency Planning unit, the session offered an exciting and invaluable glimpse into real-world rescue operations.



Biodiversity Expert Inspires Animal Management Students



Animal Management students enjoyed an insightful session with Liam Blazey, Senior Biodiversity Officer from Denbighshire County Council, North Wales. Liam shared his expertise on conservation, biodiversity and real-world environmental challenges, offering valuable inspiration to our future conservationists.

Cabin Crew Trainees Take on Sea Survival Training

Cabin crew trainees had an early start as they headed to Fleetwood Nautical Campus for sea survival training. They learned how to carry out evacuations, enter life rafts safely and practise important lifesaving and survival skills. The challenging experience helped boost their confidence and gave them exciting, real-world training to strengthen future airline applications.



Learning Takes Flight: Aviation Students Experience the Industry in Madrid

Aviation students completed two immersive trips analysing the full passenger journey, from booking and check-in to airport processes, in-flight service and post-travel communication. They compared Ryanair and easyJet customer service, explored multiple Manchester Airport terminals and Madrid-Barajas Airport, and even experienced real-time disruption with a weather delay. While in Madrid, they visited key landmarks, building confidence, industry awareness and essential skills for future aviation careers.



Students Embark on a Once-in-a-Lifetime Cultural Journey to Bali

Public Services, Hair and Beauty, Catering and Travel students recently returned from an extraordinary adventure in Bali, describing the experience as nothing short of life-changing.

Over the course of the trip, students immersed themselves in the island's rich culture and breathtaking landscapes. Their itinerary blended exploration, creativity and hands-on learning, offering a rare opportunity to see their studies come alive in a global setting.

During their stay, the group trekked through lush Balinese jungles, cooled off with refreshing river dips and took part in vibrant creative painting workshops led by local artists. One of the standout moments came during a visit to a Balinese beauty school, where students learned traditional techniques directly from industry professionals.

The cultural exchange didn't stop there. Students also stepped into the world of fragrance design, crafting their own signature scents during an interactive perfume-making workshop, a highlight many said they would never forget.

For all involved, the trip offered not only unforgettable memories but also a deeper appreciation of global traditions and practices. An incredible experience that will stay with them far beyond the trip.



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Future Departures

APRIL	2026	KRAKOW
MAY	2026	THAILAND
JUNE	2026	EUROPE

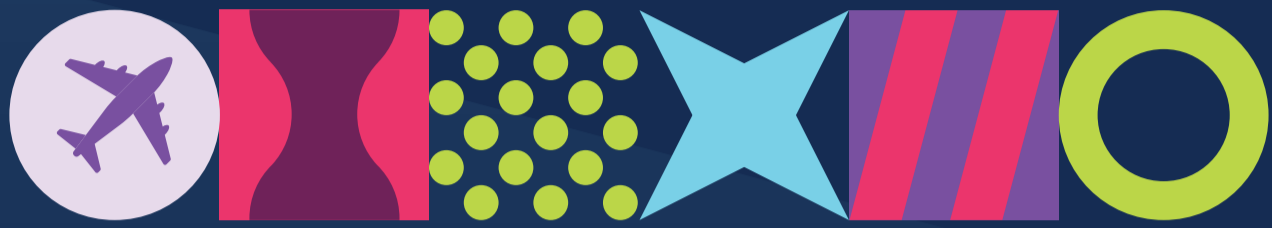


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Experience Day

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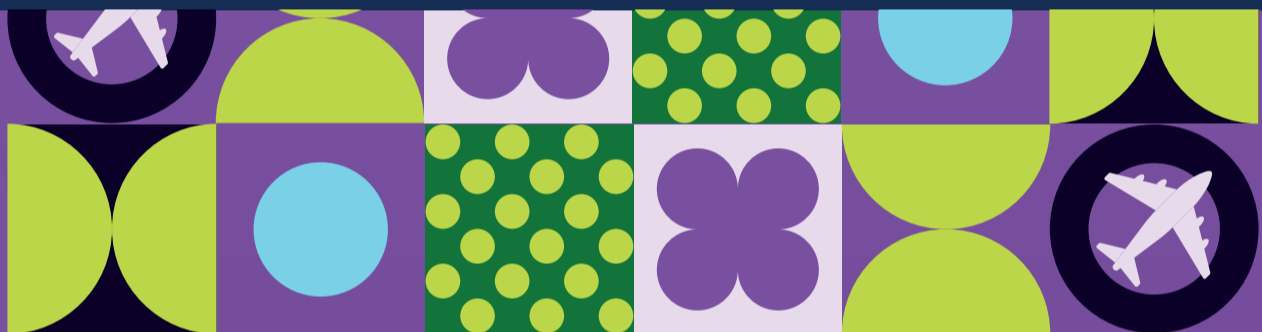


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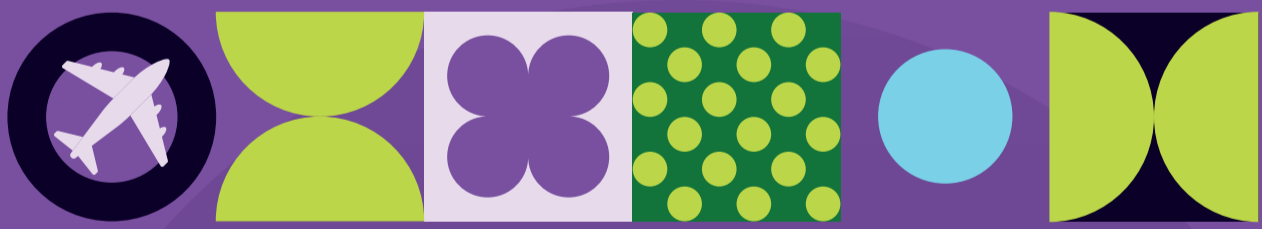
**THURSDAY
2ND JULY**

**9.00AM
to 3.00PM**



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Boarding Pass



**TUESDAY
30TH JUNE**

**9.00AM
to 3.00PM**

If you attended our Applicant Evening in March and let us know you're ready to pre-enrol, we'll be in touch in early May to talk you through the pre-enrolment process. Keep an eye on your inbox - we'll be in touch soon!

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