



St Helens College



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# STUDENTS WIN BIG AT NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Beauty and Hairdressing students competed in the Association of Hairdressers and Therapists (AHT) Northwest Championships in Blackpool, entering a range of categories from Kings and Queens of the Sea, Old Hollywood Makeup to Fashion Blow Dry and Bridal.

10 of our talented students are now through to the National Final, with the College scooping second place for the overall 'Best College in the Northwest'!



# NHS STAFF INSPIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE STUDENTS

Health and Social Care students received an inspiring talk from healthcare professionals from St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

The Head of Clinical Education, alongside a team of experienced Nurses, Operating Department Practitioners, Healthcare Assistants and Pharmacists, talked to students about the various roles available within the NHS, sharing their own personal journeys, and the skills required for their job roles.

Former student, Leanne, also shared her journey which started at St Helens College, before she then went on to train as a Nurse, and is now a Clinical Educator for St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust!

**COMING SOON  
FOR SEPTEMBER 2023!**



The NHS has invested in the College's new hospital simulation ward at the St Helens Campus.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### PLACEMENT BOOSTS EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

Health and Social Care student, Lilly, has completed an incredible placement at Aintree University Hospital as a Healthcare Assistant, as part of her course.

Lilly has been working across a variety of wards, from blood and stroke clinics, to the assessment and rehabilitation day unit and the osteoporosis ward.

Hospital staff said Lilly is "an excellent addition to the team," and is on track to be nominated for an interview for the nursing bank!





# FLYING HIGH WITH **Jet2.com**

Cabin Crew students flew to Tenerife with one of the largest airlines in the UK, Jet2.com. Working alongside Jet2 Cabin Crew, the students assisted with in-flight duties including serving passengers!



# EXPLORING WORLD'S LARGEST LUSH STORE

Beauty Therapy students visited Lush Liverpool for an exclusive tour of the world's largest Lush store and spa, which takes over three floors in the city centre!

The students learnt all about Lush ethics, how the business started, including detailed information about their products and how they are made. They even had a go at making their own Lush Bubble Bar and took home some free sample products.



# JETTING OFF TO BELFAST

Aviation students jetted off to Belfast to observe airport staff in action at Liverpool John Lennon Airport and Belfast International Airport.

The students observed airport protocol, including the check in process, security and boarding procedures, all before boarding their flight. In Belfast, they took in the sights of the city.

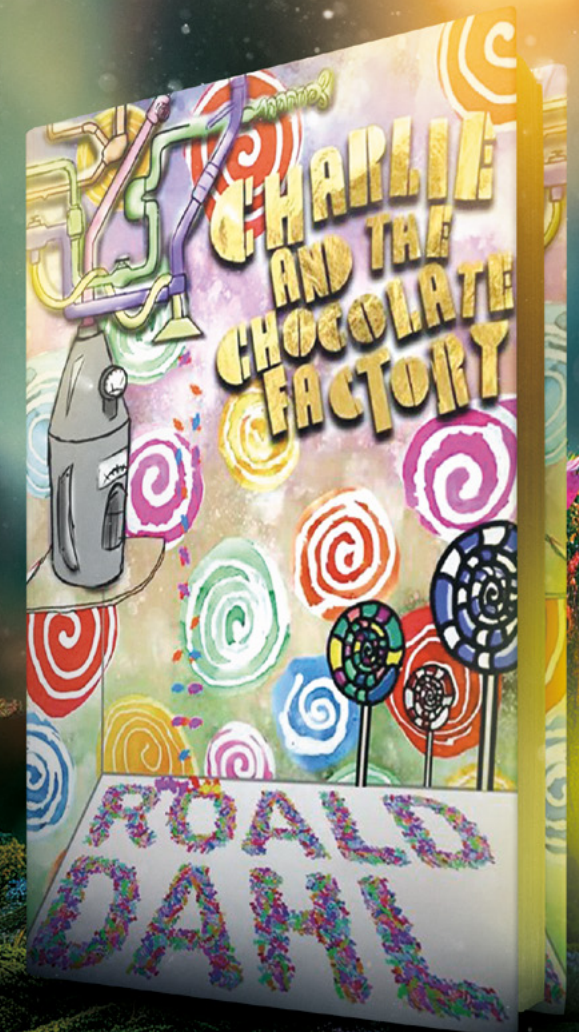


# BOOKS BROUGHT TO LIFE

Graphic Design students created a series of impressive animations based on books that have been adapted into films, such as The Maze Runner, Jaws and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

The work ranged from digital 3D animation to mixed media elements such as collage, painting and drawings, all combined with digital editing and animation techniques.

Watch here!







# STUDENTS WORK WITH TOP UK CHEFS FOR FUNDRAISER

Catering and Hospitality students worked alongside locally acclaimed Chef, James Holden, at our fine dining restaurant, Colours, to host a fundraising dinner, which raised over £4,000 for Alder Hey Children's Charity.



The students worked alongside James and four other top UK chefs; Adam Reid, Ellis Barrie, Chris Rawlinson, and Matt Hagan, many of whom have appeared on BBC's Great British Menu, to create a spectacular four-course dining experience.

James commended all the students for their enthusiasm and commitment to the event. Their efforts didn't go unnoticed, with many students being offered opportunities to work in the guest chef's restaurants!

**Adam Reid**  
Chef Patron at The French, Midland Hotel

**James Holden**  
North West Regional Chef at The Royal Academy of Culinary Arts

**Matt Hagan**  
Executive Chef at Manchester Convention Centre

**Ellis Barrie**  
Chef and Proprietor of the Marram Grass



**Chris Rawlinson**  
Chef Patron of The Royal Oak and The Pickled Goose



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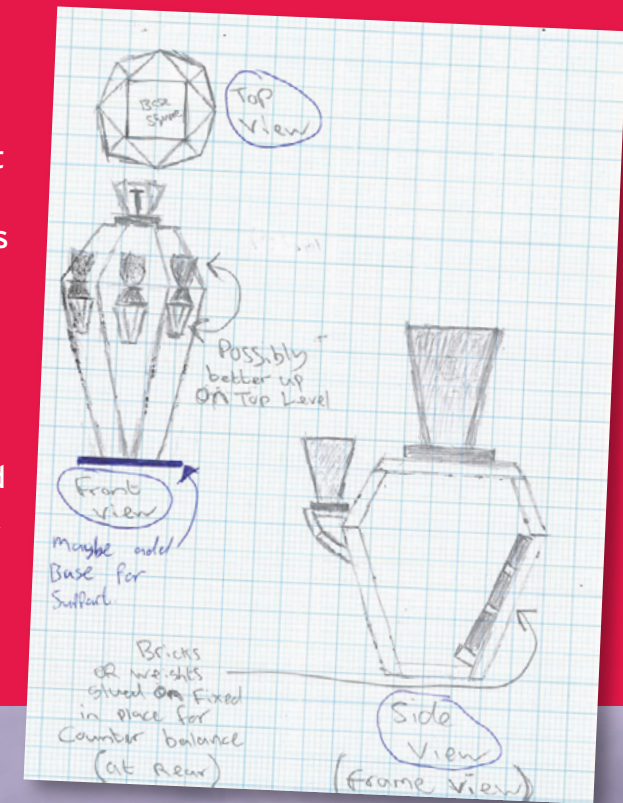


# STUDENTS CREATE INCREDIBLE PLINTH FOR SUPER LEAGUE TITLES

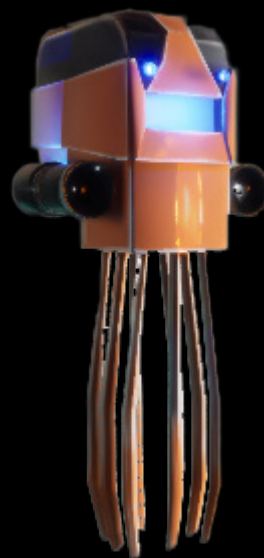
Carpentry and Joinery and Painting and Decorating students designed and built this spectacular plinth for St Helens RLFC, displaying the amazing #FOURmidable Saints trophies!

Working together they developed a design and got to work building a stand that now displays the club's three replica trophies and this year's Super League Trophy.

The students were proud to support a local team and got to showcase their work front and centre.



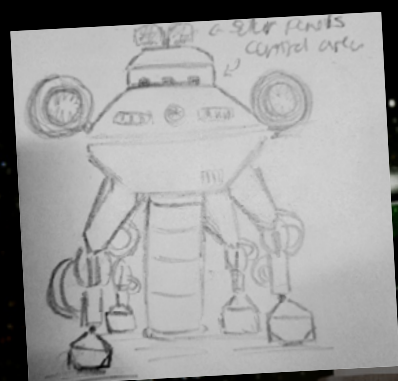




# GAME EXPERTS BLOWN AWAY BY SPACESHIP DESIGNS

Games, Animation and VFX students took part in NextGen Skills Academy's Industry Challenge, which involved responding to a brief based on climate change, and either saving or leaving the planet.

Choosing to save the planet and working alongside industry professionals from game studios, Ripstone and Radical Forge, the students designed an impressive digital fleet of spaceships, before presenting their work to a panel of experts from Creative Assembly and Framestore!



## GRADUATE SHOWCASE IN LONDON

Second-year Level 3 Games, Animation and VFX students took a trip to London for the NextGen Skills Academy Graduate Showcase, hosted by Framestore!

They had the chance to present their game concepts to top industry professionals and receive advice and feedback on their projects.

One of our student teams, Manic Games, also received the 'Students Choice Award' for their game Fowl Play, receiving a £50 voucher of their choice.



# GLOBETROTTING FORMER STUDENT RETURNS TO COLLEGE

Former Sport student, Conor, returned to College to inspire our students.

Conor studied at the College in 2010 and had the amazing opportunity to take a trip to America as part of his studies. During his visit, he shared his industry experience with the students, including his career in coaching which has taken him overseas to America and Canada.

Conor has since returned to the UK and now runs his own successful football coaching business, EF92 Academy, based in St Helens.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### INSPIRATIONAL STUDENT CELEBRATES AWARD SUCCESS

Music Production student, Dylan, won Student of the Year at St Helens Chamber's annual Business Awards!

Dylan was nominated by his tutor, Ant, for his commitment to his studies and utilising the drums in his personal projects.

Ant said: "It was an honour to be there to see Dylan receiving an award such as this. I can think of no one who deserves it more. During his time with us, he has taught me a thing or two about determination. He is a true inspiration!"





# STUDENTS CONQUER SNOWDON



Public and Uniformed Services students put their teamwork and endurance skills to the test as they scaled the summit of Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales!

After an exhilarating four-and-a-half-hour ascent, the group reached the summit, withstanding temperatures of -5 degrees, being sure to take some stunning snaps at the top.

The students prepared for their expedition with a rigorous training regime, including three hours of cardiovascular exercise per week and regular strength training in the College's gym, where they've been using the treadmills on a high incline to prepare them for steep climbing.



# CAREERS DAY WITH SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE



The students received audition tips from Shakespeare North's Senior Producer, took part in a writing and performance workshop with their Spoken Word Producer, and then got the chance to practice their monologues centre stage at the Shakespeare North Playhouse as part of their audition module.

The careers day is one of many opportunities our students have access to as part of our partnership with Shakespeare North Playhouse, providing unique opportunities to explore the venue's incredible creative spaces as professionals!

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### MOLLY PREPARES FOR STAGE DEBUT

Our UAL: University of the Arts London Level 3 Performing and Production Arts student, Molly, has received a place in Imaginarium Theatre's 'The Taming of the Shrew' production.

Molly battled it out against 100 other young hopefuls at auditions to secure her place in the cast. She will begin rehearsals to find out which part she will be playing and performances will take place this summer at the Sir Ken Dodd Performance Garden at the Shakespeare North Playhouse.





# MAIZIE LEADS THE WAY FOR WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

18-year-old, Plumbing and Domestic Heating Apprentice, Maizie, is leading the way for women in construction, and recently competed in the brand-new HIP Female Skills competition.

Currently in the first year of her Level 3 apprenticeship with national employer, PH Jones, Maizie conducted a live practical installation, competing against 9 other female apprentices from across the Northwest at York College.

Although Maizie didn't place this time, the College is incredibly proud of her!



Read Maizie's story here!



SCAN ME!



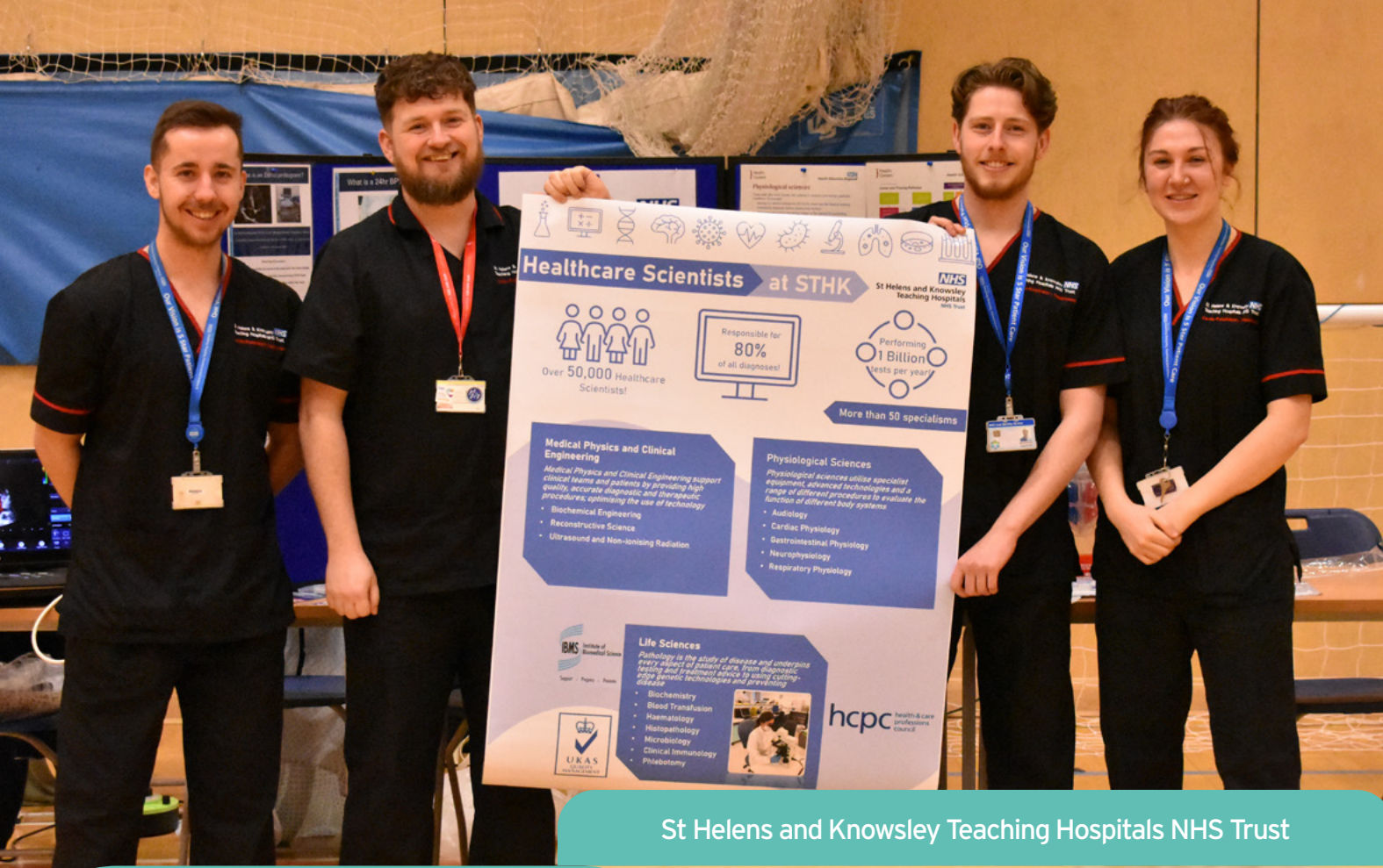
Plumbing Tutor, Chris

*"Taking part in the competition was such an amazing experience. I was able to meet other female apprentices and learn from industry professionals. Although I didn't make it through to the next round, I am very grateful for the opportunity."*

*It has really helped build my confidence, especially as I was so nervous leading up to it but now I've realised what I am capable of. Thank you to my tutor Chris, who supported and encouraged me to just do my best."*







St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

# HEALTHCARE SKILLS SHOW INSPIRES FUTURE GENERATION

We hosted our annual Healthcare Science Skills Show, bringing together healthcare professionals, industry experts and universities to inspire school and sixth form pupils from across the region.

In addition to our own students, we welcomed pupils from De La Salle St Helens and Lord Derby Academy, who took part in interactive sessions and workshops with a number of industry organisations, including St Helens Hospital, Whiston Hospital, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital, Medical Mavericks, Positively You, Edge Hill University, North West Ambulance Service, University of Liverpool and more.



Alder Hey Children's Hospital



Reconstructive Science



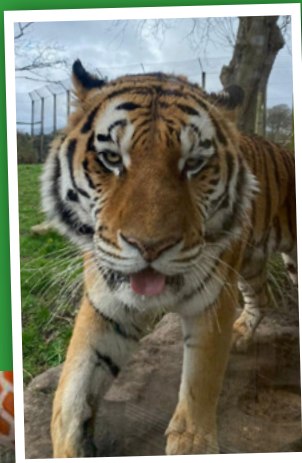
Alder Hey Children's Hospital





# BEHIND THE SCENES AT BLACKPOOL ZOO AND KNOWSLEY SAFARI

Animal Management students visited Blackpool Zoo and Knowsley Safari, where they observed the behaviour of a variety of species, carried out echograms, attended keeper talks and took part in a parrot flight demonstration!



# SPOOKTACULAR PROPS SCARE VISITORS

Wickedly talented Art and Design students created spooky props and signs for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation's annual Spooky Welly Walk in Sefton Park, Liverpool and Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham!

The event attracts 10,000 visitors every year, and our students' amazing creations were placed at photo stations across the parks.



# TAG, YOU'RE IT!

Things got competitive between our Sports students and players and coaching staff from St Helens RLFC and St Helens Women's Squad during an exciting Tag Rugby session!

During the session, the students got to play and referee, learning the rules of the game, whilst honing their skills and working in teams.



# BRITAIN'S FIRST HYDROGEN REFUSE VEHICLE COMES TO COLLEGE

Engineering, Motor Vehicle and Electrical Installation students and apprentices had the unique chance to explore the UK's first hydrogen-powered refuse collection vehicle, giving them an insight into the cutting-edge technology they will be working with in their future careers!

The FAUN Zoeller "Bluepower" vehicle is the first of ten trucks ordered by St Helens Borough Council, as part of their commitment to achieving net-zero carbon emissions.





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# FUNDRAISING

COMIC RELIEF

CHILDREN IN NEED

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

WEAR IT PINK

WILLOWBROOK HOSPICE

ALDER HEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

BOWEL CANCER UK

RADIO CITY CASH FOR KIDS  
(MISSION CHRISTMAS)

SINCE SEPTEMBER, KIND HEARTED STAFF  
AND STUDENTS HAVE RAISED A TOTAL OF

**£2500**

FOR SEPARATE CHARITIES!







# TRADE DAY INSPIRES CONSTRUCTION STUDENTS AND APPRENTICES

The construction department hosted a Trade Day for our students and apprentices, with support from tool and equipment supplier, Grahams Machinery Sales North West!

Many suppliers and manufacturers were in attendance including CEF, Qvis Lighting and Security, Aico, DEWALT, GedoreTools, Wilkinson Star Ltd, Milwaukee Tool, Draper Tools and more.

This was a unique opportunity for our students to network with industry professionals and get hands-on with some of the equipment they'll be using in their future careers.



Level 2 Plumbing student Adam, won a toolkit worth over £70, kindly donated by Gedore.





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