

# SCHOOL LEAVER PROSPECTUS 2022



St Helens College



# OPEN EVENTS

## YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

Our students often say to us that they found an Open Event incredibly helpful. So take their advice and join us at one of our Open Events.

Interact with our tutors, and discover more about our impressive courses, student life and facilities.

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<b>THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021</b>	<b>5PM-7PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021</b>	<b>5PM-7PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022</b>	<b>5PM-7PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2022</b>	<b>5PM-7PM</b>

Please visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/openevents](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/openevents) for further details



**Welcome to St Helens College, a place to discover who you are and what you are capable of.**

It all began over 120 years ago when we very first opened our doors to our students and we have been inspiring minds and building futures ever since.

Building on our strong heritage, we are dynamic, innovative and modern, having invested millions in our STEM Centre and Town Centre Campuses, to give you the ultimate student experience.

We have produced thousands of successful students that have gone on to achieve spectacular things. This includes our inspirational Connecting Classroom to Career Ambassadors (you'll find them inside this prospectus).

So whatever your background, ambitions and interests, we have hundreds of courses to suit you and how you would like to learn. You could choose from a range of Vocational, Technical and BTEC courses or an Apprenticeship, all designed to help you achieve your dream career.

If that isn't enough, our teaching experts come with a hefty amount of industry experience, and our strong employer links enhance your learning, connecting the classroom to your career.

So what can St Helens College possibly have to offer you that no other college can?

Well, take a look inside and let us show you.



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# WHY CHOOSE US?

01.



## Student Success

We are proud to have an impressive 100% overall BTEC Extended Diploma pass rate with 51.2% of students achieving triple distinction grades (DDD) or higher.

02.



## Largest Apprenticeship Provider

Strong collaborations with local, regional and national employers, make us one of the largest apprenticeship providers in the area.

03.



## Excellent Progression

We have excellent progression routes that can lead to further training, an apprenticeship, university and employment.

04.



## Top Facilities

Two multi-million pound campuses boast realistic, commercial environments, from a salon and spa to a fine dining restaurant.

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## Student Experience

From London to Iceland, our students have the opportunity to take their studies outside of the classroom with trips in the UK and abroad.

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## Experienced Tutors

Our Tutors have plenty of industry experience to provide you with the very best learning and opportunities.

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## Free Travel

Getting to St Helens College is easier than ever with our free bus pass and dedicated bus service, which operates across four main routes.

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## Supporting You

We offer comprehensive support to all of our students to ensure that any worries you may have, big or small, we can help you to overcome them.

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# CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CAREER

At St Helens College, we pride ourselves on 'Connecting Classroom to Career' for all our students. We bridge the gap from classroom learning into industry, taking you one step closer to achieving your desired career.

We have produced thousands of successful students that have gone on to do spectacular things, from innovative creators and skilled engineers to industry leaders and jet-setters.

At the heart of our campaign are six successful alumni students that through hard work, have progressed to university, or are on the road to, or have already achieved their ultimate career.



## Isla

### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design

### **University**

Fine Art Painting at University Centre St Helens

### **Joined us from**

Cansfield High School

Isla hopes to become a professional painter and has already sold some of her amazing artwork! She hopes to make a difference in the world of art and become known for her work. She is looking forward to starting her Fine Art Painting degree to further develop her skills and knowledge.



## Sophie

### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism

### **University**

Tourism Management at Liverpool Hope University

### **Joined us from**

Wade Deacon High School

Sophie is passionate about the travel industry and enjoys exploring different cultures. She's had some inspiring experiences on her course including touring a cruise liner in Liverpool. She is looking forward to university and is interested in a career in marketing within the travel industry.



**MECHANICAL  
ENGINEERING**

## Rebecca

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### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Mechanical Engineering

### **Career**

Mechanical Engineering Apprentice at Cheshire Seals and Components

### **Joined us from**

Cowley International College

Rebecca has secured an impressive apprenticeship with Cheshire Seals and Components as a Mechanical Engineering Apprentice. Her role involves operating CNC Lathe machines and she is enjoying every moment of it. Eager to learn, Rebecca hopes to progress on to a HNC in Mechanical Engineering.



**GAMES, ANIMATION  
AND VFX**

## Owen

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### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Games, Animation and VFX Skills (NextGen)

### **University**

Game Design and Production at Abertay University

### **Joined us from**

Mountmellick Community School, Ireland

Owen is blazing ahead with his career after securing a coveted mentorship with London-based studio, Playtra Games alongside his course. He's already started developing a game with them and hopes to have it published whilst studying his degree at a university in Scotland.



**COMPUTING  
AND IT**

## Ben

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### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Information Technology

### **University**

Computer Forensics at Liverpool John Moores University

### **Joined us from**

Launchpad Centre

Aspiring Computer Forensic Analyst, Ben already has a long list of accomplishments including achieving D\*D\*D\* on his course, achieving Microsoft Office Specialist awards and being awarded a Scholarship at Liverpool John Moores University for academic excellence!



**SPORT**

## Kerrie

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### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity

### **Career**

Aspiring Professional Rugby Player and Physiotherapist

### **Joined us from**

Rainford High School

Kerrie loves all things sport and plays for the Under 18's Lancashire Rugby Union Club in her spare time. She's enjoying her time at College and hopes to become a qualified Physiotherapist in the future alongside playing rugby professionally.



# THE EXPERIENCE

Life at St Helens College is so much more than just studying... you'll discover new places, share amazing experiences with your friends and develop skills and interests that you thought you never had. You will even have the opportunity to take part in activities and fundraising events to boost your CV or UCAS application!

## **Trips and Travel**

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You will have lots of opportunities to go on exciting trips in the UK and overseas. Whether it is having outdoor adventures with the National Citizen Service (NCS) or visiting popular cities, you'll make amazing memories!

## **Charity Fundraising Initiatives**

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Each year, staff and students across all campuses take part in fundraising activities to raise money for local and national charities including; Red Nose Day, Christmas Jumper Day, Brave the Shave, Children In Need, Macmillan Coffee Mornings, Odd Socks Day and Superhero Day to name a few!

## **Guest Speakers and Industry Insight**

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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 Governors**

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Each year, the College's Board of Governor's appoints a talented student as a Student Governor. This role involves representing the student body, attending monthly meetings with College management including the Principal and also supporting the College's marketing and events team with exciting projects!

## **Student Council**

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Students are nominated as a course representative 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.

## **Work Experience and Volunteering Opportunities**

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

# WHAT'S ON CAMPUS



**TOWN CENTRE  
CAMPUS**

**STEM CENTRE,  
TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS**

We have spent a lot of time and resources making sure that you have everything you need to get the most out of your experience with us.

It may not look like it from the outside, but our two campuses have everything from a fine dining restaurant and mock aircraft cabin, to a construction site and outdoor animal units. We even have our own Starbucks!

As an added bonus, we are right on the doorstep of a busy town centre, where you'll have access to lots of shops, restaurants and cafes. So we are sure you'll have plenty of things to do to keep yourself busy around your studies.

## NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2021!



We have recently invested £750k, partially funded by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRA), into transforming our mechanical engineering workshop.

The new state-of-the-art workshop features the latest Haas CNC, Axis Milling and Simulator Machines with WiFi enabled for CAD/CAM manufacturing.

Taught by highly experienced tutors, students will manufacture, maintain and produce components to industry required specifications.



**LIVERPOOL  
CITY REGION**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

**METROMAYOR**  
LIVERPOOL CITY REGION



**PROUDLY SERVING  
STARBUCKS**



**CONSTRUCTION  
SITES**



**AWARD-WINNING RESTAURANT  
AND KITCHENS**



**MULTI-MILLION  
POUND LIBRARIES**



**SPECIALIST ENGINEERING  
WORKSHOPS**



**AUTOMOTIVE HUB**

Fast-Fit MOT Bay



**OFSTED OUTSTANDING  
NURSERY**



**FULLY-EQUIPPED GYM AND  
EXERCISE STUDIO**



**MOCK AIRCRAFT CABIN**



**INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ANIMAL UNITS**

Including an Aviary and Dog Grooming Salon



**COMMERCIAL SALON, THE LOUNGE**



**LIVE RECORDING SUITE AND TV STUDIOS**

Including Chroma-Key Infinity Cove and Editing Suites



**COLOUR AND MONOCHROME DARK ROOM**

# REAL STUDENTS, REAL STORIES

We are exceptionally proud of our students and all that they achieve.

Whether they progress into employment (paid or voluntary), on to university or secure an apprenticeship, we celebrate their successes and like to keep in touch, even years after they've left College!



## Hannah

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### **Classroom**

Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Professional Cookery

### **Career**

Aspiring Chef

### **Joined us from**

St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School (Wigan)

"The most memorable moment of my course was securing a job at the College's restaurant, Colours and having the opportunity to experience being Head Chef for a few days. I hope to work in a kitchen on a cruise ship or as a personal Chef one day!"



## Shae

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### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Professional Theatre

### **University**

Musical Theatre at Liverpool Media Academy

### **Joined us from**

Broadgreen International School

"My most memorable experiences on the course are visiting London's West End to watch Mamma Mia and showcasing our final end-of-year performance, A Midsummer Night's Dream. In the future, I'd love to perform on stage across the UK or on a cruise ship."



## Phil

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**Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma  
in Music Production

**University**

Popular Music at University  
of Liverpool

**Joined us from**

The Sutton Academy

"I achieved D\*DD on my course! The tutors really know their stuff and the facilities are great to learn in, especially the recording studio. I would love to be a Music Teacher one day. My mum is a Teacher and she has inspired me to combine my love of music with teaching."



## Stephanie

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**Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in  
Animal Management

**University**

Zoo Management at  
University Centre Reaseheath

**Joined us from**

St Helens College 14-16  
Academy

"From trips to Chester Zoo to visits from Merseyside Police and their police dogs, I've learnt so much that I can now build upon at university. Working with a variety of bird species in the animal unit's own aviary has inspired me to be an Avian Keeper one day."



## Marc

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**Classroom**

Level 2 Diploma in  
Hairdressing Studies

**Career**

Aspiring Hair Stylist

**Joined us from**

Deans Trust Wigan

"The tutors on my course are brilliant. They answer any questions I have without hesitation and always challenge me to reach my full potential. I have loved learning and working on all aspects of hairdressing. I am looking forward to continuing my studies and gaining more experience."



## Hannah

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**Classroom**

Level 3 Diploma in Childcare  
and Education (Early Years  
Educator)

**University**

Early Education with QTS at  
Liverpool Hope University

**Joined us from**

St Edmund Arrowsmith  
Catholic High School  
(Whiston)

"I have really enjoyed my course, from learning childcare theory such as international perspectives and development to fundraising for Children in Need! I have achieved A\* and I am now looking forward to studying my degree to become a Primary School Teacher."

# INDUSTRY EXPERTS



**Dan**  
**Travel and Tourism**

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"My career has spanned multiple job roles in international airports up and down the country and has taken me all around the world. I enjoy sharing my adventures with my students."



**Jennifer**  
**Engineering**

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"I've specialised in mechanical engineering for over 10 years. I trained in the Royal Navy as a Propulsion Engineer Officer, before becoming a Damage Control and Fire Officer."



**Mike**  
**Animal Management**

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"I've worked in the industry for 20 years, specialising in reptiles, invertebrates and amphibians as Head Keeper at Knowsley Safari, and Bug World. I love sharing my passion for animals."



**Barbara**  
**Catering and Hospitality**

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"My whole career has centred around catering and hospitality. I've worked for private catering companies and 4\* hotel chains. I've even served royalty and sports professionals!"



**Grant**  
**Uniformed Services**

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"I fought for my country on the front line and trained officers in the Royal Navy. I instil my British values, discipline and motivation in my students every day."



**Julie**  
**Beauty and Spa Therapies**

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"I began my career as a Trainee Hairdresser before working for worldwide brands, Dermalogica and Medex, and ultimately, running my own salon."



## Don't just take our word for it...

### **Ash** Engineering

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"My tutors really encouraged me to take my career to the next level. With their support I managed to secure an innovative apprenticeship, in an industry that I love!"

### **Ronnie** Travel and Tourism

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"I love learning from tutors who have years' worth of experience with some of the industry's biggest names - I know I am learning from the best!"

### **Kyle** Hospitality

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"I was able to secure employment with an exclusive fine dining restaurant in Liverpool thanks to my tutors amazing insight and industry links."

### **Rhea** Beauty Therapy

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"With the help of my supportive tutors and their industry links, I secured employment with luxury cruise liner, Steiner."

### **Sophie** Early Years

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"My tutors were really supportive and helped me to secure a range of placements, which have prepared me for working life in the early years sector."

### **Nathan** Computing and IT

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"Although I have progressed on to an apprenticeship, the tutors still keep in touch. It feels great to have that kind of continuous support."

# SUPPORTING YOU

Your happiness, success and education is all that matters to us. Online, offline, face-to-face, with friends or trained professionals, we will be there when you need us.

From helping you to prepare for employment, to providing support in the classroom, we are dedicated to helping you succeed.



## Wellbeing and Safeguarding

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Your wellbeing and safety at College is very important to us, which is why we have a dedicated wellbeing service for students who feel they need help or support with a range of mental health and emotional issues. Our safeguarding team ensure every student is respected and valued. We also have a 'Chaplaincy Hub', a quiet and comfortable room where you can go to rest, think, meditate or pray.

## English and Maths

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No matter what career you go on to - English and maths are important. If you do not get a grade 4 at GCSE (equivalent to a grade C) - you will study English and/or maths alongside your course whilst at College. We have an experienced team who can provide excellent support and guidance, with everything from learning labs and revision sessions to online resources.

## Careers Advice and Guidance

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We offer free, confidential and impartial careers advice and guidance to help you understand how to progress towards your dream career. This can be anything from finding the right course, CV and personal statement support to job searching and interview techniques to help with UCAS applications.

## Unifrog

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Unifrog helps students find their future by bringing together all the available information into one, impartial, user-friendly platform. The platform supports students to make the best choices and submit the strongest applications. Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/unifrog](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/unifrog).

## Supported Learning

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Our Supported Learning provision supports young people with a wide range of learning difficulties and/or disabilities. Students will have the opportunity to gain independent living skills, employability skills and work on their personal development. Our Healthcare Team provide support for students with personal needs, and our Learning Support Officers assist students in their academic studies.

# ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Our friendly and experienced Learner Support Team will work with you, your family, carers/ guardians and your tutors to ensure you reach your full potential and achieve your career aspirations.

The team will provide recommendations based on your individual requirements to support you during your time at St Helens College.

## The following support is available to you:

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- Assessment of individual needs (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
- Adaptation of materials
- Communication support for British Sign Language and Sign Supported English users
- Assistance with any personal care and healthcare needs
- Mobility assistance

For more information about the support available to you, please get in touch with the team below:

### Learner Support Manager

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**Anne**

Telephone: 01744 623260

Email: [aignatius@sthelens.ac.uk](mailto:aignatius@sthelens.ac.uk)

### Specialist Support Tutors

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**Shelagh**

Telephone: 01744 623124

Email: [smarchetto@sthelens.ac.uk](mailto:smarchetto@sthelens.ac.uk)

**Carol**

Telephone: 01744 623263

Email: [cwhittle@sthelens.ac.uk](mailto:cwhittle@sthelens.ac.uk)

- Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/learnersupport](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/learnersupport) for more information

# MONEY MATTERS

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.

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

## 01

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### **Free course fees**

You are entitled to free tuition, examination and registration fees.

## 02

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### **Free breakfast\***

No more rushing around in the morning – you'll get a free breakfast at College every day!

## 03

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### **Free College bus**

Take advantage of our free, dedicated bus service, available across four main routes.

## 04

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### **Free bus pass**

Receive a free bus pass for the entire academic year, which you can use every weekday during term time.

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### **Free Microsoft Office 365**

Usually worth over £100, you'll get the full Microsoft Office package for free!

## 06

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### **Student discounts**

Don't miss out on the perks of being a student – you'll have access to exclusive offers and discounts from retailers.



## You may also be entitled to additional financial help including:

### Free college lunch\*\*

You may be entitled to a free lunch at any of St Helens College's catering outlets up to the value of £3.50.

### Free childcare\*\*

If you are a young parent, you are entitled to help with the cost of childcare via our Care to Learn Scheme. We even have our own registered Ofsted 'Outstanding' nursery.

### Free kit and equipment\*\*

You could be entitled to up to £1,200 per College year to help with essential equipment, uniform, trips, and DBS checks if required.

To find out if you could be entitled to additional financial support, please visit:  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/moneymatters](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/moneymatters)

\*Terms and conditions apply. \*\*Terms, conditions and exclusions apply, and will depend upon your financial circumstances.

# TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

**Getting to St Helens College is easier than ever!** Our Town Centre and STEM Centre campuses are less than a 10-minute walk from the central bus station and train station, linking 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.



Plan your bus route to  
St Helens College:  
[www.arrivabus.co.uk](http://www.arrivabus.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



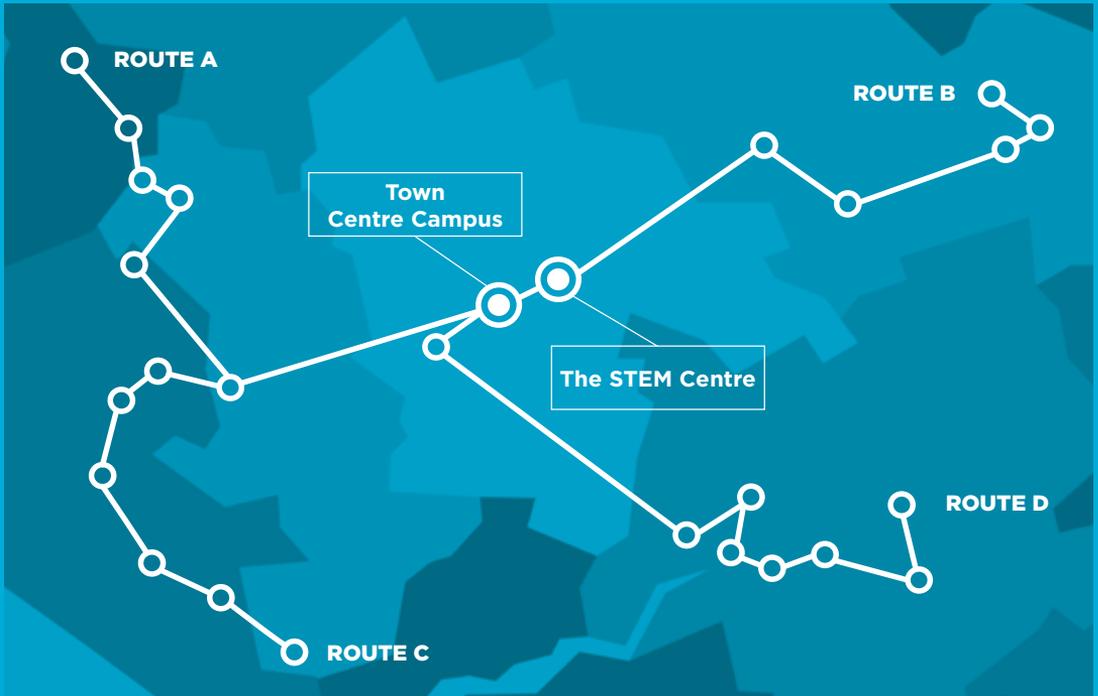
Plan your train route to  
St Helens College:  
[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

### ROUTE A

Maghull  
Melling Mount  
Kirkby Train Station  
Kirkby Town Centre  
Fazakerley  
Knowsley Community College  
**St Helens College  
Town Centre Campus**  
**St Helens College  
The STEM Centre**

### ROUTE B

Westleigh  
Leigh  
Lowton  
Golborne  
Ashton-in-Makerfield  
**St Helens College  
Town Centre Campus**  
**St Helens College  
The STEM Centre**



### ROUTE C

Halewood  
Woolton  
Calderstones Park  
Queens Drive, Fiveways  
Alder Road  
Honey's Green Lane  
Knowsley Community College  
**St Helens College  
Town Centre Campus**  
**St Helens College  
The STEM Centre**



Visit  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/  
freebus](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/freebus)  
for full routes and  
timings

### ROUTE D

Kingsway North  
Latchford Village  
Warrington Bank Quay  
Sankey Bridges  
Penketh  
Great Sankey  
Bold Heath  
**St Helens College  
Town Centre Campus**

# PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

## Directions

Directions is a free course aimed at young people aged 16-18, who aren't sure what they would like to study or haven't decided what career they would like in the future. You will gain a level 1 Preparation for Education and Employment qualification and improve your English and maths skills.

You will also have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience alongside your studies.

Directions has various start dates throughout the year and takes around six weeks to complete with a view to continuing your studies on a full-time course for the rest of the year.

[www.sthelens.ac.uk/directions](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/directions)



## Prince's Trust Team Programme

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



Prince's Trust

You will gain a nationally recognised qualification which is held in high regard by employers.

This programme is available to anyone aged 16-30 and there are many start dates throughout the year.

[www.sthelens.ac.uk/princes-trust](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/princes-trust)



# KEY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

We know how important it is for your son/daughter to have a smooth transition from school to college and for you to be a part of that process.

We are wholeheartedly committed to ensuring that your son/daughter has access to the support they require to help them successfully achieve their qualifications and make plans for their future.

The information below will hopefully answer any questions you may have, as a parent or carer, about your son/daughter starting College.

## Monitoring Progress

All of our students are allocated a Progress Coach whilst they are studying with us and they will monitor their progress throughout to support them to achieve their full potential. If you have any questions, concerns or issues that you would like to discuss regarding their studies or their experiences in College, please do not hesitate to contact them directly. Their contact details will be provided on the first day your son/daughter starts College.

You will also have the opportunity to review your son's/daughter's in year progress at any time by logging into our tracking system, ProPortal. Log-in details will be issued to you at the start of the academic year. This system enables you to view their attendance and punctuality and also review their achievement to date for academic progress.

In addition to this, you will receive progress reports twice throughout the academic year highlighting their progress, such as target grades, attendance and punctuality.

## Parent Welcome Event

The College's first Parent Welcome Event, which takes place in September, is a great opportunity for you to meet your son's/daughter's Tutors, ask questions and receive additional information about all aspects of their study programme including English and maths, if applicable. Further details will be provided via your son/daughter at the start of the academic year.

## Parents' Evenings

We hold two Parents' Evenings throughout the academic year, to keep you fully informed about your son's/daughter's progress, including any target areas that will help and support them to improve. Information regarding dates and times will be provided at the start of the academic year.

## Parent Voice

We value and appreciate your feedback regarding your son's/daughter's experience at College, and view it as a crucial opportunity to evaluate and improve the quality of education, care, and support for our students.

Visit our dedicated parent section for more information:  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/parent-carer](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/parent-carer)

# GROWING INDUSTRIES

As the economy of Liverpool and the wider Merseyside area grows, we ensure that our students have access to employment opportunities across innovative growth sectors in the region.

The areas identified are:

## Advanced Manufacturing

Manufacturing is vital to the Liverpool City Region economy, which is home to some of the UK's largest manufacturing companies including Jaguar Land Rover and Unilever.



## Low Carbon

The region has established itself as a major offshore wind energy hub and is in a strong position to capture the job growth potential from a low carbon economy.

## Creative and Digital

The region has a diverse heritage in music, film, television, theatre, literature, gaming, media and digital applications.



Contributes  
**£3.2bn**  
to the overall economy



Home to  
**4,425**  
thriving  
businesses

Employs over  
**22,000**  
people in  
**1,400**  
businesses



## Superport

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Liverpool is a recognised Superport, meaning that major shipping ports, airports, road, rail and logistics assets sit under one big hub.

Expected to create  
**30,000 jobs**  
and  
**generate**  
**£18.3bn**  
by 2030

## Health and Life Sciences

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Liverpool accommodates more specialist hospitals and health centres than any other UK city outside of London. Research and innovation are central to activities locally.

Generates  
**£170m**  
**per year**  
to the local economy

## Professional and Business Services

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Liverpool has been trading globally for more than 200 years and is central to national companies including Ernst and Young and Barclaycard.

Predicted increase in  
**20,000 jobs**  
over the next  
**20 years**

## Visitor Economy

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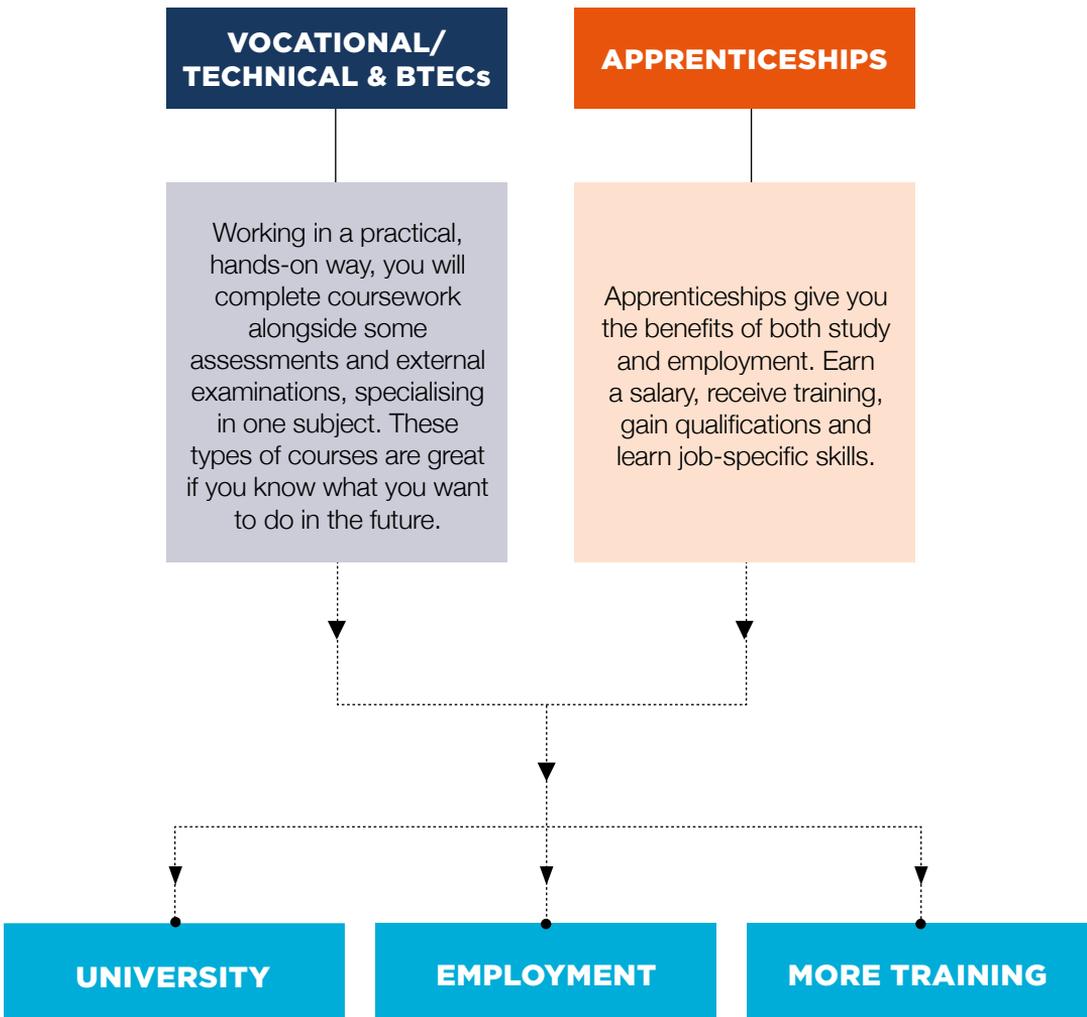
This industry is exciting to work in, with many job opportunities in hotels, restaurants, bars, retail outlets, theatres, museums, travel agents and airlines.

Worth **£4.9bn**  
and supports over  
**55,000 jobs**

# HOW DO YOU WANT TO STUDY?

There are lots of opportunities 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, the kind of person you are and where you want to go in the future.



# ENGLISH AND MATHS



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Achieving a good standard of English and maths is a key requirement for many jobs, as well as for courses you may wish to progress on to. These skills can also mean higher earnings in the future!

If you achieve below a grade 4 in your English and maths GCSEs, you will be required to study English and maths as part of your study programme, alongside your chosen subject. But don't worry - we have a friendly and experienced team who will provide support with everything from learning labs and revision sessions to online resources.

It may even be that you already have a grade 4 or above in these subjects but wish to achieve a higher grade. We can also support you to do this too!

# DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIPS



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

An apprenticeship is an actual job, meaning that you'll spend more time out in the workplace than in the classroom, learning and perfecting your skills. So, if you prefer to learn by doing, then an apprenticeship is a great place to start.

There are so many apprenticeships to choose from across a huge range of industries, so you will never be stuck for choice. Apprenticeships can take one to four years to complete, depending on which level you start at and the type of apprenticeship you choose. This means by the time you complete it, you'll know your job inside and out, and could have the chance to move up the career ladder.

Competition for apprenticeships is fierce, so get ahead of the competition by **downloading our essential guide!**

Learn about how you can benefit from an apprenticeship and the amazing opportunities it can lead to. Our guide includes top tips, an interview checklist, CV advice and most importantly, how to search and apply for an apprenticeship.

[www.sthelens.ac.uk/  
essentialguide](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/essentialguide)



- Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/apprenticeships) for more information

# APPRENTICESHIP CHOICES

## IT, Digital and Professional

Accounting | Business Administration | Computing | Human Resources Management | Customer Service

## Construction

Bricklaying | Carpentry and Joinery | Electrical Installation | Gas Engineering | Painting and Decorating | Plastering | Plumbing | Wall and Floor Tiling

## Engineering and Motor Vehicle

Electrical Engineering | Fabrication and Welding | Heavy Goods | Mechanical Engineering | Motor Vehicle | Manufacturing Engineering

## Health and Life Sciences

Dental Nursing | Early Years | Health and Social Care | Science | Laboratory Operations

## Service Industries and Leisure

Beauty Therapy | Hairdressing and Barbering

## APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENTS

Come along to an Apprenticeship Open Event to hear from industry professionals, speak to current apprentices and find out how to fire up your career with an apprenticeship!

**THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

**5PM-7PM**

**THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

**5PM-7PM**

**THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**5PM-7PM**

**THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2022**

**5PM-7PM**

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**INSPIRING  
CIVIL SERVANT  
APPRENTICE**

**NATHAN**

**“My apprenticeship took me to Cincinnati, USA where I was able to gain impressive work experience developing software solutions. It also allowed me to learn from leading industry professionals and experience new challenges. I have since progressed on to a higher apprenticeship.”**

**Classroom**

Level 3 IT Software and Telecoms Apprenticeship

**Career**

Civil Servant Apprentice at Department for Work and Pensions

**Joined us from**

Great Sankey High School

Read his full story at [www.sthelens.ac.uk/Nathan](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/Nathan)

# EARN WHILE YOU LEARN WITH US

## 01

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### **Industry Choice**

Apprenticeships are available with all types of employers across lots of industry sectors.

## 02

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### **Largest Provider**

Strong collaborations with local, regional and national employers, make us one of the largest apprenticeship providers in the Northwest.

## 03

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### **Employer Partnerships**

We work with hundreds of employers across the Northwest, providing an extensive range of apprenticeship vacancies.

## 04

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### **Excellent Progression**

Apprenticeship progression routes can lead to full-time employment, university or further study.

## 05

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### **Dedicated Support**

Each apprentice has their own assessor to monitor their progress and to provide support throughout their apprenticeship.

## 06

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### **Industry Experts**

St Helens College tutors are experts in their fields with specialist knowledge of industry.

# EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS

We work with hundreds of employers across the Northwest, providing an extensive range of apprenticeship vacancies.

Our strong collaborations with local, regional and national employers, make us one of the largest apprenticeship providers in the area.

The logo for Serco, featuring the word "serco" in a lowercase, sans-serif font with a red horizontal bar under the letter "o".The logo for Prestige Skills, featuring a stylized triangle composed of three overlapping shapes in blue, green, and yellow, with the word "Prestige" in blue and "SKILLS" in smaller blue capital letters below it.The logo for Fairfield Independent Hospital St. Helens, featuring the letters "FIH" in a large, blue, serif font, with "FAIRFIELD INDEPENDENT HOSPITAL" in smaller blue capital letters below it, and "St. Helens" in a cursive script at the bottom.The logo for Gleeson, featuring the word "gleeson" in a lowercase, green, sans-serif font.The logo for HMS, featuring the letters "HMS" in white, bold, sans-serif font inside a dark blue, rounded square shape.The logo for Matalan, featuring the word "MATALAN" in a red, uppercase, sans-serif font, with the tagline "VALUE IN EVERY MOMENT" in smaller red capital letters below it.The logo for British Gypsum, featuring a stylized globe icon to the left of the text "British Gypsum" in blue, with "SAINT-GOBAIN" in smaller blue capital letters below it.The logo for BYK, featuring a stylized blue circle icon to the left of the letters "BYK" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.The logo for Persimmon, featuring a stylized house icon to the left of the word "Persimmon" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with the tagline "Together, we make a home." in smaller black text below it.The logo for ENGIE, featuring a blue wave-like shape above the word "ENGIE" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font.The logo for Bagnalls Painting & Decorating, featuring a colorful rainbow-like graphic to the left of the text "BAGNALLS" in bold, black, uppercase, sans-serif font, with "PAINTING & DECORATING" in smaller black capital letters below it.The logo for the NHS, featuring the letters "NHS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font inside a blue rectangular box.

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/apprenticeships) for more information

# PARENT FAQs

## What is 20% off-the-job training?

It is a statutory requirement for an apprentice to spend 20% of their paid working hours 'off-the-job'. This time will be spent receiving training to gain the knowledge needed to complete their apprenticeship.

The 20% off-the-job training can be delivered flexibly, by either the College or employer, as part of each day, one day per week or as a block release. The employer and College will decide on the best model.

## How can I tell if it is a good apprenticeship?

A high wage doesn't always mean that an apprenticeship is good. Look out for a role that is varied, has staff benefits, extra training opportunities as well as progression opportunities. All of the above shows the employer is looking to invest in the apprentice to develop them personally and professionally.

## Financial support for apprentices?

Apprentices can benefit from various money saving schemes including:

- An NUS Apprentice Extra Card - the card costs £11 per year to set up but provides apprentices with massive discounts on high street and online retailers.
- A variety of travel discounts - apprentices aged 16-25 can apply for a railcard saving up to a third on train fares.
- A £1,000 bursary is available for care leavers aged 16-24, to help the transition into the workplace.

## How much do apprentices get paid?

The current national minimum wage for an apprentice is £4.30 (as of April 2021) but this can vary depending on age and length of time on the programme. Any apprentices aged 19+, must be paid at least the National Minimum Wage rate for their age, after their first 12 months in their apprenticeship.

## What apprenticeship levels are there?

There are various levels of apprenticeships that can be applied for, which are dependant on your current skills and qualifications. Apprenticeship qualifications are just as substantial as alternative study routes and can still provide entry to university, upon completion of a level 3 apprenticeship.

See the below table for an explanation of apprenticeship equivalent levels:

Type	Level	Equivalent Education Level
Intermediate Apprenticeship	2	5 GCSEs (grades A-C or 9-4)
Advanced Apprenticeship	3	2 A levels, 4 AS Levels, Level 3 Diploma/Certificate
Higher Apprenticeship	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation, Bachelor's or Master's Degree
Degree Apprenticeship	6 and 7	Bachelor's or Master's Degree

# DISCOVER VOCATIONAL

We are  
proud of our  
**100% Extended  
Diploma Pass  
Rate!**

You will have probably heard the word 'vocational', 'technical', or 'BTECs' thrown around a lot, and are wondering what it all means.

Well, vocational, technical or BTEC, refers to one or two-year courses that allow you to choose one subject, to study full-time. The best part about these courses is that they are very practical, hands-on and enable you to spend lots of time learning the skills needed to be successful in your chosen career.

They are also entirely misunderstood! Many assume that vocational courses are not as valuable as A levels but this is completely untrue. They can still give you the opportunity to go to university, complete an apprenticeship or secure employment. Some provide the same amount of UCAS Tariff Points as A levels, with Russell Group universities accepting BTECs as entry qualifications.

## THE COMPLETE VOCATIONAL PACKAGE

Alongside your vocational course, you will complete valuable work experience in your chosen industry, receive one-to-one support in tutorials and participate in enrichment activities. Also, if it is required, you will study GCSE English and/or maths alongside your course.



- Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/vocational](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/vocational) for more information

# LEARN

# PRACTICALLY

## 01

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### **Exceptional Progression**

We have progression routes that lead to an apprenticeship, university or employment.

## 02

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### **Enrichment Opportunities**

Participate in workshops, masterclasses and activities to enhance your studies and student experience.

## 03

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### **Become a Specialist**

By focusing on one course, you will develop practical skills related to your career ambition.

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### **Employability Skills**

Develop key skills valued by employers such as communication, problem-solving, self-management and organisation.

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### **Work Experience**

Experience is key to securing your career. Take advantage of placements and live projects with employers in the industry.

## 06

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### **Fantastic Facilities**

Two multi-million-pound campuses boast realistic, commercial learning environments, with the best facilities as your classroom.



# ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

If you have an interest in biological science and a passion for caring for animals, kick-start your career in this diverse and exciting industry.

Learn in our indoor and outdoor animal units, where you will work with over 50 different animal species, handling a huge variety of mammals, reptiles and other exotic creatures, maintaining their welfare and accommodation.

Many of our students have progressed on to university, have secured employment in the industry or have even launched their own successful business.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

### Veterinary Nurse

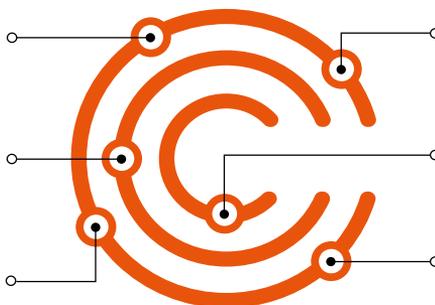
£18k - £26k+

### Pet Behaviour Counsellor

£15k - £50k

### Zoologist

£18k - £48k+



### RSPCA Inspector

£19k - £30k

### Animal Care Worker

£13k - £22k

### Dog Groomer

£13k - £20k+

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/animal](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/animal) for more information



## ASPIRING ZOOKEEPER

**KIRA**

### Classroom

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management

### University

Zoo Management at University Centre Reaseheath

### Joined us from

Cansfield High School

**"The tutors were incredible and made sure we got the most out of our studies through trips, industry links and interesting practical lessons."**

My favourite memory was training the College's parrot, Oscar. Watching Oscar make progress every day was rewarding and sparked my dream to work with birds in the future."

## This is no average classroom!

From walking with wolves in the Lake District and fundraising for local animal sanctuaries to exploring animal behaviour and wildlife rehabilitation – every day is different!



## Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma

Animal Management

### What will I study?

This course is designed to provide you with a wide range of specialist skills and knowledge, that will equip you for various employment opportunities within the animal care industry.

Alongside handling and maintaining the welfare of various animals, you will advance your knowledge of animal behaviour, feeding and nutrition, whilst having the opportunity to study animal nursing and training.

### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, maths and science, and preferably a minimum of five days voluntary experience within the animal sector.

### Progression

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university. Alternatively, you could progress directly into employment.

## Level 2 Technical Certificate

Animal Care

### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will develop your understanding of animal health and behaviours, animal biology, animal accommodation and nursing whilst gaining hands-on experience handling a wide variety of animal species.

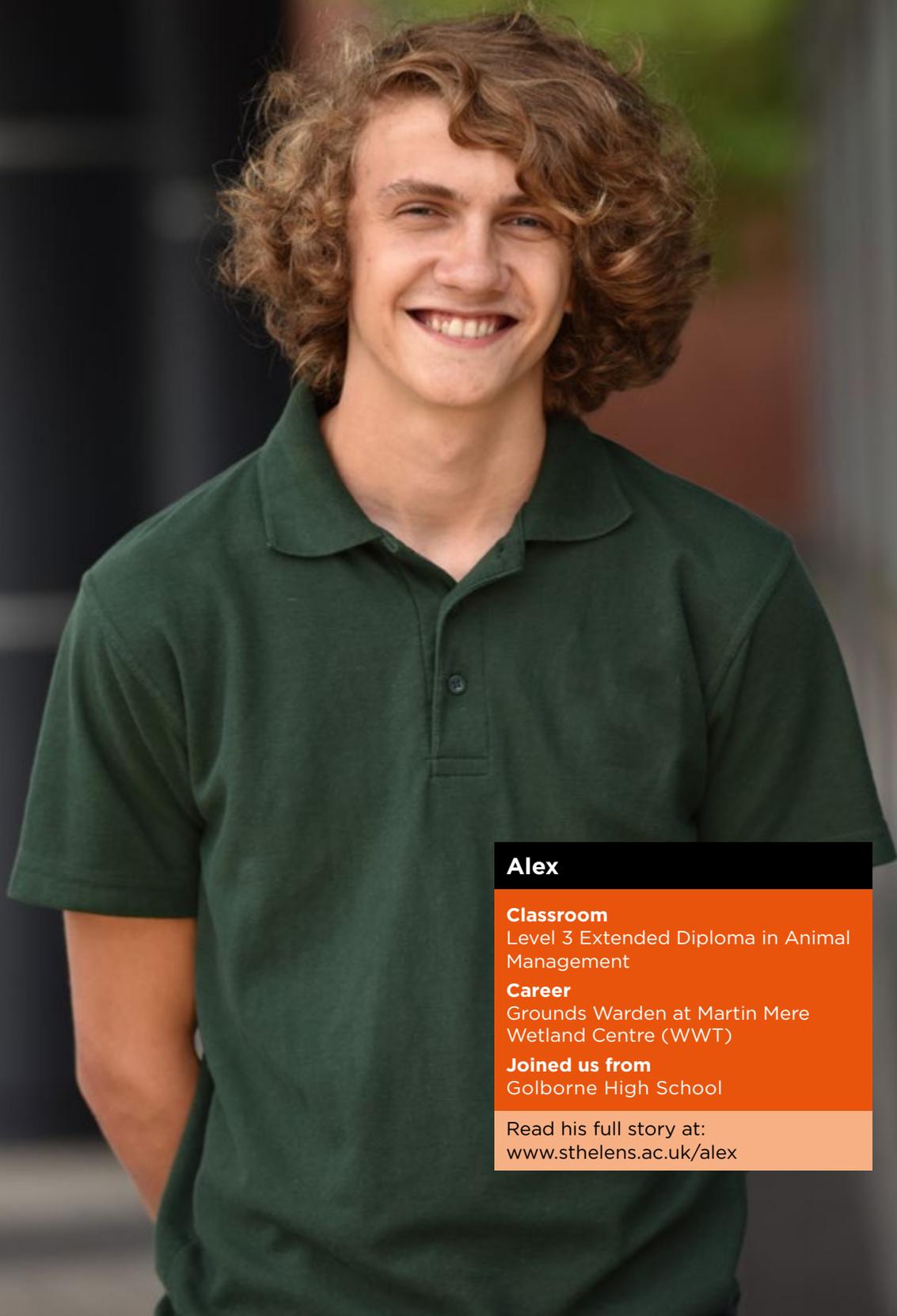
You will also have the opportunity to complete a work placement in the industry to enhance your experience and skills.

### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English, maths and science, and preferably a minimum of three days voluntary experience within the animal sector.

### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management.



## Alex

### Classroom

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management

### Career

Grounds Warden at Martin Mere Wetland Centre (WWT)

### Joined us from

Golborne High School

Read his full story at:  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/alex](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/alex)

## Level 2 Certificate

### Practical Animal Care Skills

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will gain hands-on experience in our indoor and outdoor animal units, working with a wide variety of species.

You will explore everything from animal health and wellbeing to animal accommodation whilst completing a work placement alongside your studies.

#### What will I need?

You should have three GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English or maths, and preferably a minimum of three days voluntary experience within the animal sector.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care.

## Level 1 Diploma

### Animal Care

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to the industry. You will handle a variety of animals in our indoor and outdoor animal units, whilst completing a range of tasks such as preparing food and maintaining animal accommodation.

You will also have the opportunity to develop your CV and interview skills, whilst building your portfolio.

#### What will I need?

You should have three GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English, and have a passion and commitment to your studies.

#### Progression

You could progress on to a level 2 qualification in Animal Care.



Lupin the Japanese Raccoon Dog, also known as tanuki in Japanese.



Ernie is a one-year-old Boer Goat, native to South Africa.

## Industry Links





# ART AND DESIGN

Show off your individuality and creativity in our specialist studio spaces, where you will explore a wide range of art disciplines.

Alongside developing your own portfolio of work, you'll gain valuable insight from established artists and designers and showcase your work at an end-of-year exhibition and in local art galleries.

You will also have the opportunity to work on live briefs and projects with local and regional employers!

## Connecting Classroom to Career

### Interior Designer

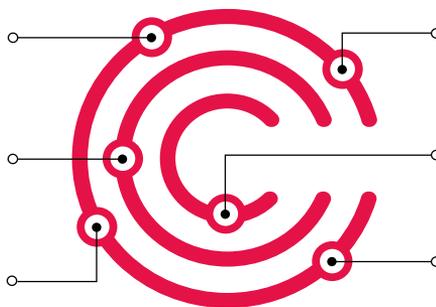
£18k - £45k+

### Graphic Designer

£19k - £40k+

### Architect

£27k - £90k



### Illustrator

£18k - £40k+

### Photographer

£17k - £45k

### Art Therapist

£31k - £44k

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/art](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/art) for more information



**ASPIRING FREELANCE  
PATTERN ARTIST**

**MEGAN**

### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design Practice

### **Career**

Aspiring Freelance Pattern Artist

### **Joined us from**

The Sutton Academy

**"This course has opened my eyes to so many career opportunities. I have discovered my passion for repeat pattern design!"**

This course isn't just about being good at drawing or painting, it is so much more. You have the opportunity to explore so many different mediums and develop your skills in something you love."

## **This is no average classroom!**

You will develop your creative skills in our specialist studio spaces such as the ceramic and painting studios, digital labs and monochrome dark room!



## **Level 3 Extended Diploma**

Art and Design Practice

### **What will I study?**

Throughout this course, you will study various art disciplines including fine art painting, 3D, fashion, textiles, print making, photography and graphic design.

You'll build a diverse portfolio of work, exploring the work of artists and designers and their creative intentions.

### **What will I need?**

You should have successfully completed the level 3 National Diploma in Art and Design Practice.

### **Progression**

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

You may choose to progress on to University Centre St Helens to study a creative arts degree such as BA (Hons) Fine Art Painting or BA (Hons) Graphic Design.

## **Level 3 National Diploma**

Art and Design Practice

### **What will I study?**

Throughout this one-year course, you will develop your creative art skills through a range of practical and theoretical units.

These units include visual recording, exploring the work of artists and designers, developing your awareness of the 'creative process', and discovering materials, techniques and processes relating to your specialism.

### **What will I need?**

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths, and an art and design related subject.

### **Progression**

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design Practice.

**STUDENT WORK**



**Aaron**  
Level 3 Extended Diploma



**Charlotte**  
Level 3 Extended Diploma



**Richard**  
Level 3 Extended Diploma



## Level 2 Diploma

### Art and Design Skills

#### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will explore many art disciplines such as drawing, painting, printing, digital media, photography and graphic design including working three dimensionally with materials such as wood, metal, plastic and ceramics.

You will also develop an extensive portfolio of work using your ideas to explore and produce art across a wide range of projects.

#### What will I need?

You should have one GCSE at grade 4 or above or have successfully achieved a level 1 art and design qualification.

#### Progression

You could progress on to a level 3 National Diploma in Art and Design Practice, Photography, Graphic Design or Games, Animation and VFX.

## Level 1 Diploma

### Art and Design

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to the art and design industry. You will create an exciting portfolio of work in a number of specialist areas including painting, printmaking, drawing, 3D design, textiles, ceramics and mixed media.

You will also have the opportunity to develop your GCSE English and maths skills or functional skills, alongside your course and complete a 2D or 3D project.

#### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 2 or above.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Diploma in Art and Design Skills.

## Industry Links



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Read Isla's story at  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/isla](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/isla)

# ASPIRING ARTIST

## ISLA

**"The tutors on the course are very passionate and their way of teaching was really engaging. I am moving on to the Fine Art Painting degree at University Centre St Helens to join others who share my passion for painting. I hope to one day become known for my work as a professional artist."**

**Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design Practice

**University**

Fine Art Painting at University Centre St Helens

**Joined us from**

Cansfield High School



**Connecting Classroom to Career**



# BEAUTY, NAILS, MAKEUP AND COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

The beauty industry brings together creative professionals to deliver extraordinary experiences and services to clients. From contouring and false eyelashes to spray tanning, pedicures and skincare treatments, you will practise your skills and knowledge in our very own commercial salon, The Lounge.

Showcase your skills in prestigious competitions such as WorldSkills, and use the latest brands such as Dermalogica, Glitterbels by Annabel and Eve Taylor, to meet the demands of the industry.

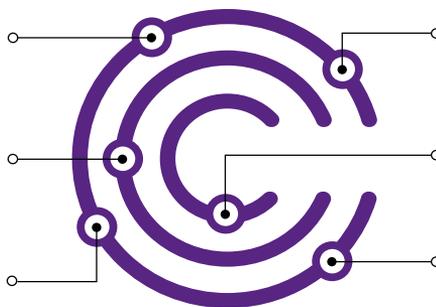
Our technical routes enable you to specialise in the career of your choice while developing key technical skills. You could achieve up to a Distinction \*, equivalent to A\* at A level.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Skincare Specialist**  
£13k - £25k+

**Salon Manager**  
£20k - £30k+

**Beauty Therapist**  
£15k - £20k+



**Makeup Artist (TV, Film, Theatre)**  
£13k - £30k+

**Nail Technician**  
£13k - £25k+

**Massage Therapist**  
£15k - £30k+

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/beauty](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/beauty) for more information



**ASPIRING  
BEAUTY TUTOR**

**ALICIA**

**Classroom**

Level 3 Diploma in Nail Technology

**Career**

Aspiring Beauty Tutor

**Joined us from**

Rainford High School

**"After being bullied and struggling with anxiety and depression, I was worried about College, but my tutor is so supportive, and my classmates are great.**

I am now a fully qualified Makeup Artist, nearly fully qualified Nail Technician, have been accepted at my chosen university to study teaching and I've been offered a job in a salon!"

**This is no average classroom!**

The Lounge has three treatment rooms, a nail bar and spa facilities including a monsoon shower, ice facility, dry floatation chamber, sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi!



**Level 3 Diploma**

Beauty Therapy (Technical)

**What will I study?**

During this one-year course, you will delve into the science behind beauty therapy treatments, by exploring anatomy, physiology and electrical science.

You will also provide a range of beauty treatments including skin and body analysis, face and body electrical treatments and Swedish massage.

**What will I need?**

You should have successfully achieved a level 2 Beauty Therapy qualification or equivalent, and have a grade 4 in English and maths.

**Progression**

You could progress on to another level 3 qualification in a beauty-related field or the level 4 Diploma in Salon Management.

**Level 3 Diploma**

Complementary Therapies

**What will I study?**

During this one-year course, you will develop the knowledge and skills required to become a successful Complementary Therapist.

Based in our salon and treatment rooms, you will learn how to provide tailored treatments such as body massage, aromatherapy and reflexology to clients within the industry.

**What will I need?**

You should have successfully completed a level 2 Beauty Therapy qualification.

**Progression**

You could progress on to the level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Technical) or level 4 Diploma in Salon Management.

## Level 3 Diploma

### Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Makeup

#### What will I study?

This one-year course explores all aspects of creative, theatrical media makeup from camouflage, fashion and photographic makeup to designing and applying face and body art.

You will develop a range of technical abilities, whilst gaining crucial experience of working with theatre productions and professional clients.

#### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved a level 2 Hair and Media Makeup qualification, or equivalent.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 4 Diploma in Salon Management or into employment.

## Level 3 Diploma

### Nail Technology

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will explore a diverse range of nail enhancement treatments such as light cured gel, electric filing and nail art.

You will learn how to accurately recommend treatments for a range of nail problems, and will spend time identifying chemicals used in varnishes, solutions and enhancement treatments.

#### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved a level 2 Beauty Therapy qualification or equivalent, and have a grade 4 in English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to another course within beauty or directly into employment.

## Level 2 Diploma

### Beauty Therapy (Technical)

#### What will I study?

During this one-year technical course, you will explore everything from eyelash and eyebrow services, manicure and pedicure treatments, to facial and skin type analysis and makeup applications.

You will gain insight from skincare specialists and local industry professionals with an opportunity to gain a membership that is recognised by the industry.

#### What will I need?

You should have GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Technical), level 3 Diploma in Complementary Therapies or level 3 Diploma in Nail Technology.

## Level 2 Diploma

### Hair and Media Makeup Studies

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will develop your skills and knowledge of makeup applications, photographic makeup and shaping and colouring eyebrows.

You will create intricate body and nail art, whilst researching and developing different styles and trends for the industry and theatre.

#### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Makeup or the level 3 Diploma in Nail Technology.

- Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/beauty](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/beauty) for more information

## Level 2 Diploma

### Beauty Therapy

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will enhance your knowledge of the industry and gain experience providing treatments such as eyelash and brow treatments, facial skincare, waxing, basic manicures, pedicures and nail art.

Based in our salon, you will carry out reception duties while providing first class client care and customer service.

#### What will I need?

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and maths, or a level 1 Beauty Therapy qualification.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Technical) or the level 3 Diploma in Nail Technology.

## Level 1 Diploma

### Beauty Therapy

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to the industry. You will learn basic manicure and pedicure techniques, understand how to provide toning, cleansing and moisturising treatments and advise on makeup application and skincare.

You will also explore themed face painting, nail art and photographic makeup.

#### What will I need?

You do not need any formal qualifications, just passion and a commitment to your studies.

#### Progression

You could progress on to a level 2 qualification in Beauty Therapy or Hair and Media Makeup Studies.

## Level 2 Diploma

### Nail Services

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is designed to prepare you for an exciting career as a Nail Technician, working in a salon, nail bar or home salon setting.

You will learn how to provide manicure and pedicure treatments including nail enhancements and nail art whilst exploring anatomy and physiology in detail.

#### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Diploma in Nail Technology.



## Industry Links

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BY STEINER

GLITTERBELS  
by Annabel



# BUSINESS

Whether you have a passion for entrepreneurialism or an interest in leadership and management, studying business provides a great stepping stone to a broad range of exciting career opportunities.

You will go behind the scenes at some of the world's largest organisations to develop your understanding of the industry and boost your CV.

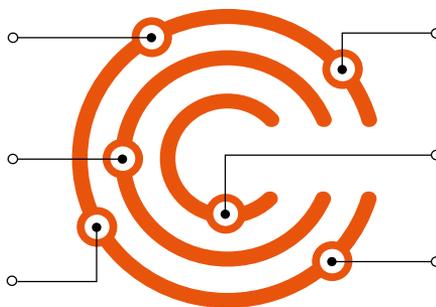
You will have the opportunity to gain knowledge of marketing, finance, and project management principles, which can be transferred to a wide range of careers or help you in setting up your own business.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Supply Chain  
Manager**  
£20k - £50k

**Head of  
Purchasing**  
£25k - £40k

**Human Resources  
Officer**  
£15k - £35k



**Business  
Development  
Manager**  
£25k - £60k+

**Marketing Manager**  
£25k - £55k

**Chartered  
Accountant**  
£25k - £80k+

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/business](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/business) for more information

## Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Business

### What will I study?

This two-year course will provide you with the theoretical knowledge and practical understanding of the business sector.

You will explore a range of topics such as personal and business finance, recruitment and selection and will also have the opportunity to pitch a new business idea, develop and execute your own marketing campaign and plan and manage your own event.

### What will I need?

You should have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths.

### Progression

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

You may choose to progress on to University Centre St Helens to study HNC Business.

## Level 2 First Extended Certificate

Business

### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will develop your skills, knowledge and understanding of business functions, environments and operations in a practical way that is relevant to today's work environment.

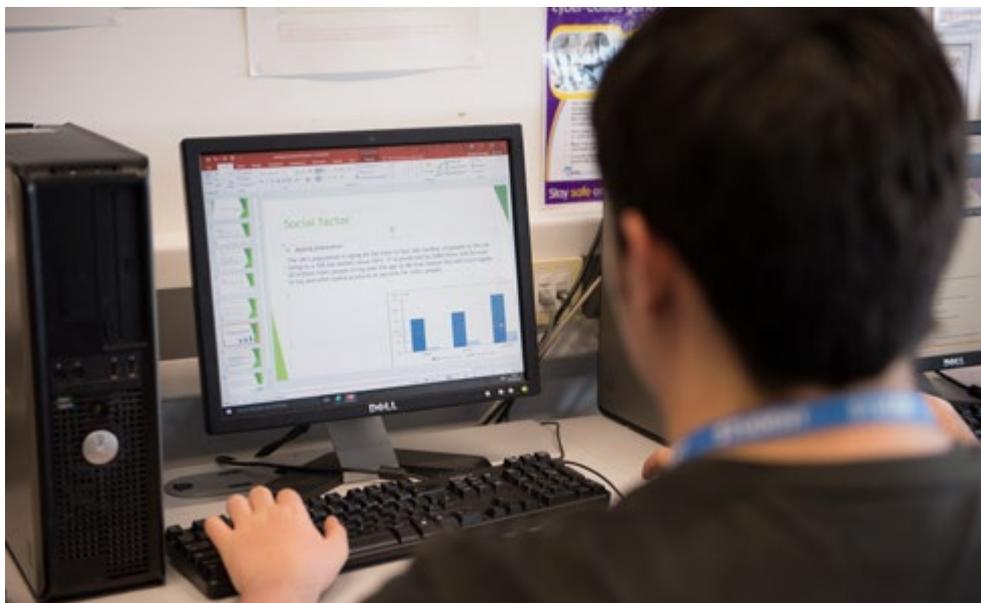
You will also develop transferable skills such as teamwork, problem-solving and independent study while gaining valuable work experience.

### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English or maths.

### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business. Alternatively, you may decide to undertake an apprenticeship.



## Fire up your career!

Develop your experience and skills in the workplace with an apprenticeship. Earn while you learn, and gain a recognised qualification at College. See page 32 to find out how you could benefit from studying an apprenticeship route.





# CATERING AND HOSPITALITY

As visitor numbers continue to grow rapidly in the Liverpool City Region, this provides a great opportunity for you to launch your own business, or be part of a creative team, in a fast-paced and innovative industry.

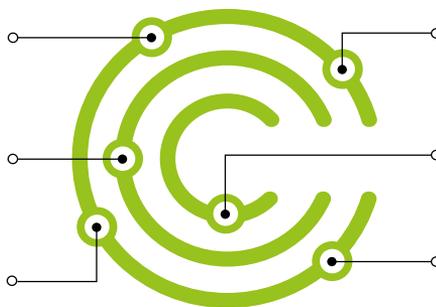
We are proud of our links with top chefs, with many of our students going to work at reputable restaurants including; The Art School Liverpool, Chester Grosvenor, The Marram Grass and Gleneagles. Some of our previous students have their own Michelin-starred restaurants and have appeared on MasterChef and Saturday Kitchen!

## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Head Chef**  
£23k - £50k+

**Chef De Rang**  
£15k - £25k+

**Sous Chef**  
£22k - £30k+



**Sommelier**  
£15k - £25k+

**Catering Manager**  
£18k - £30k+

**Restaurant Manager**  
£18k - £28k+

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**ASPIRING  
HEAD CHEF**

**FILIPS**

### **Classroom**

Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional Cookery

### **Career**

Aspiring Head Chef

### **Joined us from**

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic High School

**"My most memorable moment at College was coming second place at the Inter Colleges Culinary Skills Competition.**

I loved every minute of it - it was such an amazing opportunity to be able to cook for industry experts, who have worked for the likes of Marco Pierre White!"

## **Students Learn from Industry Expert!**

Students took part in an exclusive butchery masterclass with Althams Butchers, one of the oldest family owned butchers in the country. They watched a live demonstration and put their new knowledge into practice!



## **Level 3 Diploma**

**Advanced Professional Cookery**

### **What will I study?**

This one-year course is designed to advance your culinary skills and show you how to cook with precision. Working in a fast-paced kitchen, you will prepare and cook complex dishes from meat and poultry to fish.

You will also prepare and cook pastries, cakes, biscuits and breads, whilst maintaining a high level of food safety, health and hygiene in the kitchen at all times.

### **What will I need?**

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English or maths, or a level 2 NVQ or Diploma in Professional Cookery.

### **Progression**

You could progress directly into employment in this exciting industry.

## **Level 3 NVQ Diploma**

**Professional Cookery**

### **What will I study?**

This one-year course will enhance your knowledge of preparing, cooking and finishing complex dishes, from fish and meat to shellfish and game, whilst adhering to food safety, health and hygiene at all times.

You will also learn new techniques and skills in butchery, larder preparations, sauce work, and the production of fine pastries and confectionery.

### **What will I need?**

You should have successfully completed the level 2 NVQ Diploma in Food Production and Cooking or level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery.

### **Progression**

You could progress directly into employment in this exciting industry.



**This is no average classroom!**

Based in our industry standard kitchens and award-winning restaurant, Colours, you will cook and serve alongside world renowned chefs and tutors who have held careers in Michelin-starred restaurants and luxury hotels all around the world.

## Level 2 Diploma

### Professional Cookery

#### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will become proficient at menu planning, an essential skill for any future Head Chef, and develop your experience of cooking delicious soups, stocks and sauces, before moving on to fruit, vegetables, meat and fish.

You will even have the opportunity to master the art of hot and cold puddings as well as biscuits, cakes and sponge.

#### What will I need?

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English or maths, or a level 1 NVQ Certificate in Food Preparation and Cooking.

#### Progression

You could progress on to a level 3 qualification or into employment.

## Level 2 Diploma

### Food and Beverage Service

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will be based in our busy restaurant, Colours, learning how to serve food and beverages to the highest possible standard including silver service, table service and customer service.

You will also gain additional experience such as handling cash payments and maintaining payment points while developing your menu and beverage product knowledge.

#### What will I need?

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English or maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery or into employment.

## Level 2 NVQ Diploma

### Food Production and Cooking

#### What will I study?

This one-year course focuses on preparing, cooking and serving food including pastry, butchery, and sauce work, whilst ensuring high levels of health and safety in the kitchen at all times.

You will develop your practical skills, whilst learning essential theory to gain the confidence needed to further your career as a Chef.

#### What will I need?

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 NVQ Diploma in Professional Cookery.

## Level 1 NVQ Certificate

### Food Preparation and Cooking

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to the culinary industry, as you will learn the basics needed to secure your first job. You will get to know your way around the kitchen and cook your first dishes.

You will start by boiling, poaching and steaming, before moving on to baking, roasting, grilling and frying, whilst learning new knife skills and techniques essential to any Chef.

#### What will I need?

You do not need any formal qualifications, just passion and a commitment to your studies.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 NVQ or Diploma in Professional Cookery, or the level 2 Diploma in Food and Beverage Service.

## Industry Links





With extensive advancements in technology, and with data breaches becoming increasingly more common and sophisticated, professionals working in this industry have never been in higher demand.

Computing is a very creative field that combines invention with methodical thinking, and the skills that you'll develop in our computer suites, can be transferred to a wide variety of business, scientific and social contexts.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

### Web Designer

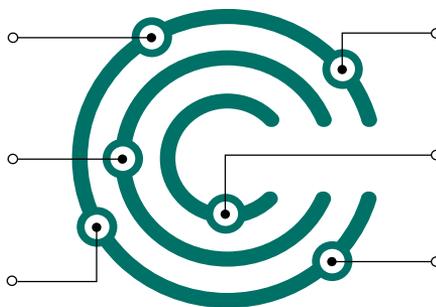
£17k - £40k

### IT Support Technician

£16k - £35k

### Programme and Software Developer

£21k - £70k



### Cyber Security Analyst

£25k - £70k

### Software Engineer

£25k - £70k

### IT Systems Manager

£45k - £65k+

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• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/IT](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/IT) for more information

## Level 3 Extended Diploma

### Information Technology

#### What will I study?

Throughout this advanced two-year course, you will explore the practice of IT project management and how to provide effective IT technical support and service delivery.

You will also gain advanced knowledge of cyber security, event driven programming and website customisation.

#### What will I need?

You should have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths.

#### Progression

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

You could choose from a variety of degrees such as computer science, cyber security or computer games development.

## Level 2 Technical Diploma

### Digital Technology

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will build a strong foundation of knowledge, and skills to enable you to successfully enter a career in a digital environment.

You will explore the theory behind information technology whilst investigating computer systems, database tools and techniques, emerging technologies and organisational data systems.

#### What will I need?

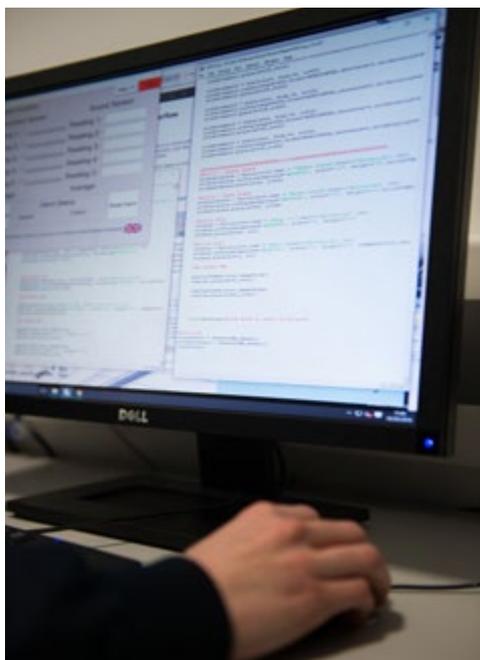
You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English or maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Information Technology. Alternatively, you may decide to gain employment in the industry or undertake an apprenticeship.

## Fire up your career!

Develop your experience and skills in the workplace with an apprenticeship. Earn while you learn, and gain a recognised qualification at College. See page 32 to find out how you could benefit from studying an apprenticeship route.



## Level 1 Diploma

### Introduction to IT

#### What will I study?

This one-year introductory course is designed to help you to develop a wide range of skills including problem-solving, team work, communication and research, to prepare you for the next level of study.

You will develop your understanding of digital communication technologies, website design and spreadsheets while researching a relevant topic and exploring how to develop computer programs.

#### What will I need?

You do not need any formal qualifications, just passion and a commitment to your studies.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Technical Diploma in Digital Technology.

# ASPIRING COMPUTER FORENSICS ANALYST

**BEN**

**"Attending St Helens College gave me the confidence to believe I could go on to university. I achieved D\*D\*D\* in addition to achieving Microsoft Office Specialist awards and Cisco. I was awarded a Scholarship at Liverpool John Moores University for Academic Excellence."**

**Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Information Technology

**University**

Computer Forensics at Liverpool John Moores University

**Joined us from**

Launchpad Centre



**Connecting Classroom to Career**



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Read Ben's story at  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/ben](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/ben)



The construction industry is constantly growing and evolving, which is what makes working in this industry so varied and exciting.

Whether it is working on commercial developments, innovative housing or on people's homes, you will feel like you have one of the best careers in the world.

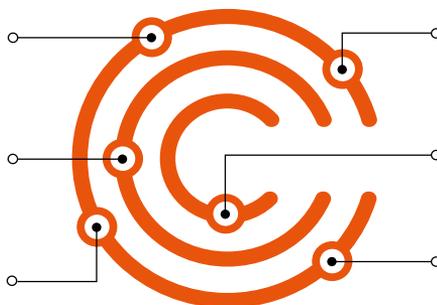
You will learn your trade in a purpose built environment with real, made-to-scale structures, for you to decorate, plaster, renovate and build in. You will also have the chance to gain valuable work experience and showcase your skills in industry competitions.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Electrician**  
£18k - £42k

**Construction Manager**  
£27k - £65k

**Site Inspector**  
£25k - £50k+



**Building Surveyor**  
£25k - £70k

**Plumber**  
£15k - £40k

**Bricklayer**  
£17k - £42k

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## INSPIRING TILING APPRENTICE

**KASEY**

### **Classroom**

Level 2 Diploma in Wall and Floor Tiling

### **Career**

Tiling Apprentice at DI Ceramics

### **Joined us from**

De La Salle High School

**"I have now secured an apprenticeship with established tiling company, DI Ceramics.**

Learning in the College's tiling workshop, working on made-to-scale structures, really helped prepare me for my work placement with Cotthams Tiles, where I worked onsite with large commercial clients."

## **Fire up your career!**

Develop your experience and skills in the workplace with an apprenticeship. Earn while you learn, and gain a recognised qualification at College. See page 32 to find out how you could benefit from studying an apprenticeship route.



## **Choose from a wide range of courses in:**

- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Electrical Installation
- Painting and Decorating
- Plastering
- Plumbing
- Wall and Floor Tiling

## **Industry Links**



# BRICKLAYING

## Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma

### Bricklaying

#### What will I study?

Throughout this advanced one-year course, you will gain all of the skills, knowledge and experience needed for a successful career in the industry.

Based in our purpose-built workshops, you will learn how to repair and maintain masonry structures, construct different forms of brickwork and construct fireplaces and chimneys. You will also gain valuable work experience in the industry.

#### What will I need?

You should have successfully completed the level 2 Technical Certificate in Bricklaying.

#### Progression

You could progress directly into employment.

## Level 2 Technical Certificate

### Bricklaying

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will gain the necessary practical skills and knowledge required to progress in the industry.

You will interpret scale drawings, construct structures, cladding and solid walling, develop an understanding of construction technology and gain valuable work experience within the construction industry.

#### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved a level 1 Bricklaying qualification or have achieved a grade 4 or above in English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Bricklaying.

## Level 1 Diploma

### Bricklaying

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to bricklaying. Based in our workshops, you will learn the fundamental aspects of bricklaying including how to construct block, brick and cavity walling.

You will also have the opportunity to develop the hand skills needed to use a variety of tools and gain valuable work experience in the industry.

#### What will I need?

You should have GCSEs at grade 3 or above in English and maths. You will be supported to develop your English and maths skills alongside your course.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Technical Certificate in Bricklaying.



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## CARPENTRY

### Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma

#### Site Carpentry

##### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will gain advanced skills and knowledge of site carpentry to prepare you for your next step into the industry.

You will cover everything from the principles of maintenance and repair and fitting doors and windows to fixing stairs with turns and constructing cut roofing. You will also have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience in the industry.

##### What will I need?

You should have successfully completed the level 2 Technical Certificate in Site Carpentry.

##### Progression

You could progress directly into employment.

### Level 1 Diploma

#### Carpentry and Joinery

##### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to carpentry and joinery. You will develop a range of practical skills from various tasks such as creating woodworking joints, frames, doors and windows.

You will also learn how to use hand and portable power tools and how to put up access equipment and scaffolding while gaining valuable work experience in the industry.

##### What will I need?

You should have GCSEs at grade 3 or above in English and maths. You will be supported to develop your English and maths skills alongside your course.

##### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Technical Certificate in Site Carpentry.

### Level 2 Technical Certificate

#### Site Carpentry

##### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will carry out flooring and roofing operations while exploring frames, partitions, stairs and carpentry maintenance.

You will also have the opportunity to carry out structural carcassing operations and gain experience in the industry alongside your course.

##### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved a level 1 Carpentry and Joinery qualification or have achieved a grade 4 or above in English and maths.

##### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Site Carpentry.



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## Josh

### **Classroom**

Level 2 Technical Certificate in  
Electrical Installation

### **Career**

Aspiring Electrician

### **Joined us from**

The Sutton Academy

Read his full story at:  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/josh](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/josh)

# ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

## Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma

### Electrical Installation

#### What will I study?

This advanced one-year course is designed to prepare you for a successful career as an Electrician in the industry.

You will explore everything from the principles of inspection, testing and commissioning electrical systems to planning and overseeing electrical work activities and electrical system fault diagnosis and rectification. You will also have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience in the industry.

#### What will I need?

You should have successfully completed the level 2 Technical Certificate in Electrical Installation.

#### Progression

You could progress directly into employment.

## Level 1 Diploma

### Electrical Installation

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great first step towards a career as an Electrician. Learning basic skills; both practical and theory based, you will learn the scientific principles of electricity.

You will explore everything from conduit, trunking and installation methods to electrical components and fittings.

#### What will I need?

You should have GCSEs at grade 3 or above in English and maths. You will be supported to develop your English and maths skills alongside your course.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Technical Certificate in Electrical Installation.

## Level 2 Technical Certificate

### Electrical Installation

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will gain a diverse range of skills and knowledge in order to develop a career as an Electrician in a domestic, industrial or commercial environment.

You will develop an understanding of electrical installation technology, electro technical technology and electrical science including gaining valuable work experience in the industry.

#### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved a level 1 Electrical Installation qualification or have achieved a grade 4 or above in English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Electrical Installation.



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# PAINTING AND DECORATING

## Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma

### Painting and Decorating

#### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will explore complex paint systems, wall hangings, and advanced architectural finishes, alongside gaining valuable work experience in the industry.

Based in our workshops, you will learn how to prepare a wide selection of surfaces, fix architectural items, apply specialist finishes for painted decorative work and apply water-borne paint by airless equipment and HVLP.

#### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved the level 2 Technical Certificate in Painting and Decorating.

#### Progression

You could progress directly into employment.

## Level 2 Technical Certificate

### Painting and Decorating

#### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will explore paint systems and advance your skills by producing specialist decorative finishes.

You will also learn how to apply paint by brush and roller, apply paper to walls and ceilings, and prepare surfaces while you gain valuable work experience in the industry.

#### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved a level 1 Painting and Decorating qualification or have achieved a grade 4 or above in English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Painting and Decorating.

## Level 1 Diploma

### Painting and Decorating

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to painting and decorating in the industry. You will learn about various paint systems and develop a range of application techniques.

You will also apply foundation and plain papers and produce decorative finishes in addition to gaining valuable work experience alongside your course.

#### What will I need?

You should have GCSEs at grade 3 or above in English and maths. You will be supported to develop your English and maths skills alongside your course.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Technical Certificate in Painting and Decorating.



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## PLASTERING

### Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma

#### Plastering

##### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will develop advanced skills and knowledge of plastering in our purpose-built workshops.

You will learn how to restore mouldings, produce reverse moulds from plaster models and apply plastering materials to interiors and exteriors whilst exploring environmental technology systems. You will also gain valuable work experience in the industry.

##### What will I need?

You should have successfully completed the level 2 Technical Certificate in Plastering.

##### Progression

You could progress directly into employment.

### Level 1 Diploma

#### Plastering

##### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to plastering. You will explore a range of building methods and construction technology while developing skills in wet plastering.

You will also learn how to prepare surfaces and mix plaster materials including applying a range of coats to various structures.

##### What will I need?

You should have GCSEs at grade 3 or above in English and maths. You will be supported to develop your English and maths skills alongside your course.

##### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Technical Certificate in Plastering.

### Level 2 Technical Certificate

#### Plastering

##### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will conduct a variety of plastering tasks in addition to developing your ability to interpret information by working out materials and costings for a variety of projects.

You will carry out various plastering tasks from fixing dry lining and plasterboards to interiors and casting fibrous plasterwork. You will also have the opportunity to gain experience in the industry.

##### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved a level 1 Plastering qualification or have achieved a grade 4 or above in English and maths.

##### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Plastering.



# PLUMBING

## Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma

### Plumbing

#### What will I study?

This advanced one-year course is the final step to preparing you for a successful career in the industry! You will gain advanced skills in system planning and design whilst exploring sanitation systems, and complex cold water and hot water systems.

You will also enhance your knowledge of site procedures and environmental technology systems, and gain valuable hands-on work experience in the industry.

#### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved the level 2 Technical Certificate in Plumbing.

#### Progression

You could progress directly into employment.

## Level 2 Technical Certificate

### Plumbing

#### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will enhance your skills within plumbing installations while developing an understanding of low carbon technology and renewable energy.

You will also have the opportunity to gain work experience alongside your course and understand the principles of heating systems, sanitation and drainage.

#### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved a level 1 Plumbing qualification or have achieved a grade 4 or above in English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Plumbing.

## Level 1 Diploma

### Plumbing

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to plumbing. You will master the art of pipe bending and soldering while gaining experiencing installing bathrooms and heating systems.

You will explore the scientific principles of plumbing including hot and cold water and heating sanitation systems.

#### What will I need?

You should have GCSEs at grade 3 or above in English and maths. You will be supported to develop your English and maths skills alongside your course.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Technical Certificate in Plumbing.



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## WALL AND FLOOR TILING

### Level 2 Diploma

#### Wall and Floor Tiling

##### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will develop advanced tiling skills, create intricate tile designs using a range of products and techniques and gain a stronger understanding of construction technology.

You will also gain experience in the industry and understand how to prepare and set out surfaces and backgrounds for tiling.

##### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved a level 1 Wall and Floor Tiling qualification or have achieved a grade 4 or above in English and maths.

##### Progression

You could progress directly into employment.

### Level 1 Diploma

#### Wall and Floor Tiling

##### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to tiling. You will develop a range of practical skills including preparing and fixing tiling materials.

You will also explore building methods and construction technology while creating decorative pattern designs. There is also an opportunity to gain work experience.

##### What will I need?

You should have GCSEs at grade 3 or above in English and maths. You will be supported to develop your English and maths skills alongside your course.

##### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Diploma in Wall and Floor Tiling.



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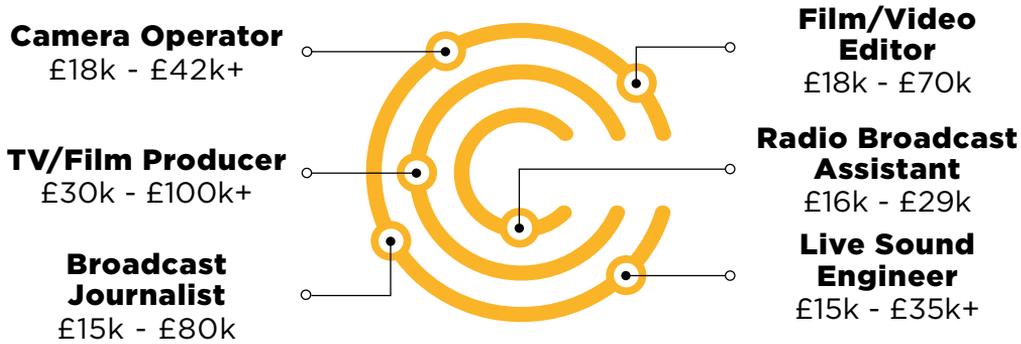
# CREATIVE MEDIA

Get to grips with producing, directing, filming and editing as you explore the creative world of cinematography and experiment with camera production and recording sound.

Our industry-experienced tutors have fantastic employer links, enabling you to work on live projects and briefs with professional clients.

Whether you want to become a producer, journalist, camera operator or work within TV and film, this could be the first step towards a career in the creative industries.

## Connecting Classroom to Career



\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

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**ASPIRING  
PRODUCER**

**ALFIE**

### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Practice

### **Career**

Aspiring Producer

### **Joined us from**

Wade Deacon High School

**"I love films, so I was very excited when I got the opportunity to produce and direct my very own documentary.**

My favourite part about the course is working in the College's green screen and editing suite. We get to use industry recognised equipment and software, which has prepared me for a career in the industry."

## **This is no average classroom!**

Using our multi-camera TV studio, chroma-key infinity cove and editing suites, you will have the opportunity to work on live projects with professional clients and national organisations.



## **Level 3 Extended Diploma**

Creative Media Practice

### **What will I study?**

This advanced course will take your knowledge to the next level, enabling you to prepare and develop a proposal in response to an industry brief using advanced practical, critical and reflective skills.

You will develop an understanding of the industry, job roles and higher education routes, allowing you to adapt your work to your personal aims. You will also have an opportunity to respond to a brief using idea generation techniques.

### **What will I need?**

You should have successfully completed the level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Practice.

### **Progression**

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

You may choose to progress on to University Centre St Helens to study FdSc Media Production.

## **Level 3 Diploma**

Creative Media Practice

### **What will I study?**

This practical one-year course has been developed alongside experts from the creative industry to allow progression on to higher education or employment.

You will explore the fundamentals of creative media practice and develop practical skills across film making, photography, digital graphics, podcasting, animation and sound. You will also have the opportunity to respond to a brief using idea generation techniques to the communication of outcomes.

### **What will I need?**

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths.

### **Progression**

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Practice.



# EARLY YEARS

Working with children and young people is a hugely rewarding career, whether it is supporting them in an education setting or in a clinical environment.

This industry has a lot to offer with excellent salaries and career progression! An essential part of any successful career is experience – which you will gain lots of alongside your course. When you are not on a work placement or gaining knowledge in the classroom, you will be getting involved in a wide range of community initiatives to boost your CV.

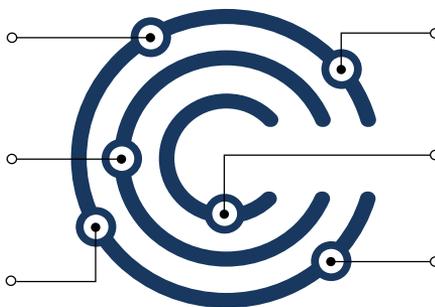
## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Primary School Teacher**

£25k - £45k+

**Child Psychologist**  
£30k - £60k

**Social Worker**  
£24k - £40k+



**Early Years Educator**

£18k - £30k+

**Nursery Manager**

£23k - £45k+

**Health Play Specialist**

£21k - £30k+

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/earlyyears](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/earlyyears) for more information



**ASPIRING  
SOCIAL WORKER**

**HEATHER**

### **Classroom**

Level 3 Childcare and Education

### **University**

Early Childhood Studies at Liverpool John Moores University.

### **Joined us from**

Lord Derby Academy

**"I achieved D\*D\*D\* and I am now excited to start university in September."**

My course provided lots of placement opportunities, which enabled me to work with children. This not only enhanced my classroom knowledge but helped me to better understand children's learning and development in a real early years setting."

## **Fire up your career!**

Develop your experience and skills in the workplace with an apprenticeship. Earn while you learn, and gain a recognised qualification at College. See page 32 to find out how you could benefit from studying an apprenticeship route.



## **Level 3 Technical Certificate/ Diploma**

Childcare and Education  
(Early Years Educator)

### **What will I study?**

This advanced two-year course explores everything from child development, psychology and socialisation to child health, play and learning, and international perspectives.

Practical experience in a workplace setting is a key element of this course including the opportunity to develop your theoretical knowledge in the classroom.

### **What will I need?**

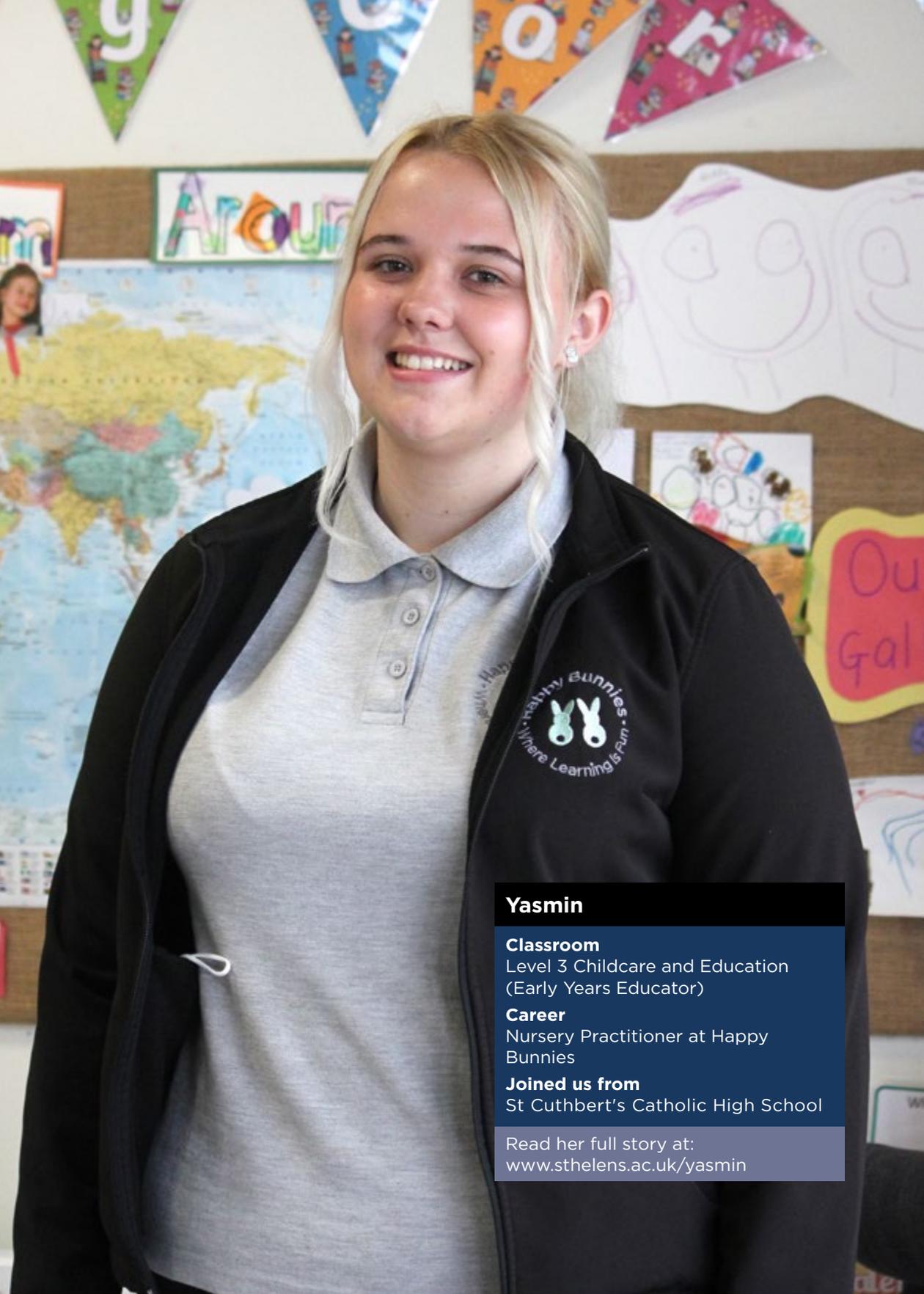
You should have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language and maths.

### **Progression**

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

You may choose to progress on to University Centre St Helens to study FdA Early Years Practice.





## Yasmin

### Classroom

Level 3 Childcare and Education  
(Early Years Educator)

### Career

Nursery Practitioner at Happy  
Bunnies

### Joined us from

St Cuthbert's Catholic High School

Read her full story at:  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/yasmin](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/yasmin)

## Level 2 Diploma

### Early Years Practitioner

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will gain valuable practical experience in a childcare setting while developing your understanding of the physical development of children and the value of recreational activities.

You will learn the importance of promoting positive behaviour in early years settings, safeguarding and protection and welfare.

#### What will I need?

You should have three GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English language or maths, plus one GCSE at grade 4 in English language or maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Technical Certificate/Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator).

## Level 1 Certificate/Diploma

### Caring for Children

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to the industry, especially if you haven't had the opportunity to study this at school.

You will explore everything from the development of young children, safeguarding and healthy living, to supporting babies to play and learning how to implement craft, science and technology activities.

#### What will I need?

You should have three GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English language or maths.

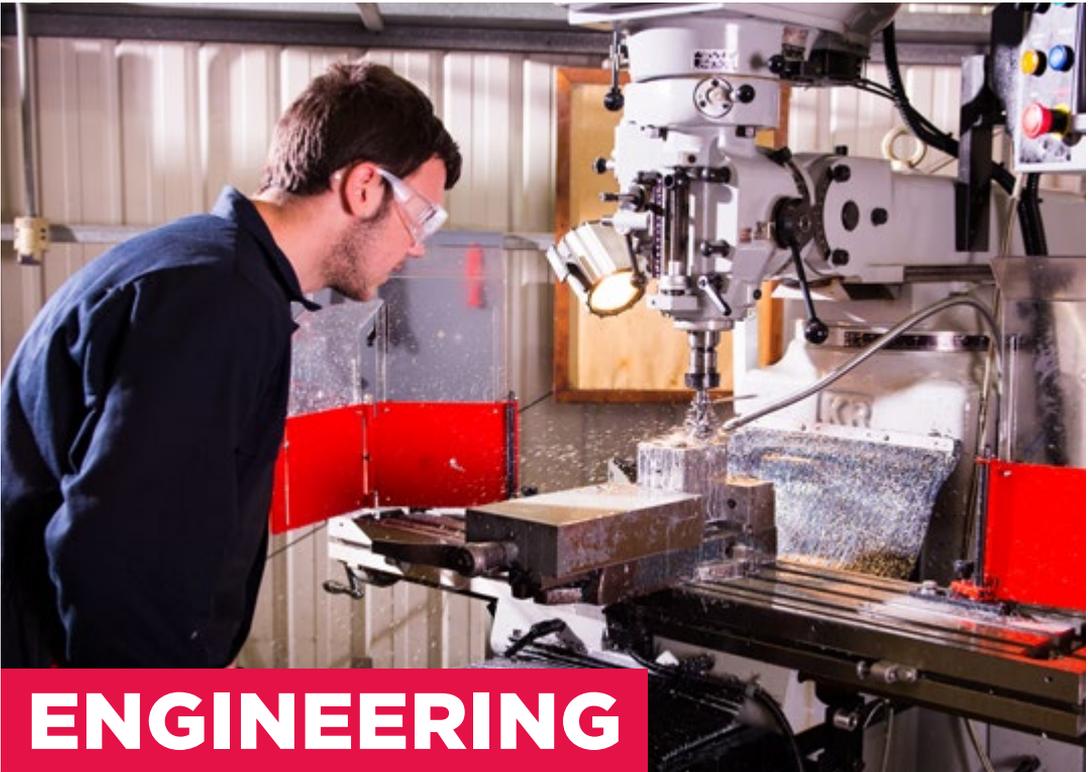
#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Diploma in Early Years Practitioner.



## Industry Links





# ENGINEERING

Rapid advancements in the engineering industry, specifically within the fields of electrical, marine, aeronautical, advanced manufacturing and wind turbine, makes working in this industry so exciting and varied.

From working in our engineering workshops, using industry standard machinery and equipment to building your knowledge in the classroom, you will carry out a range of engineering projects to enhance your practical skills and technical ability.

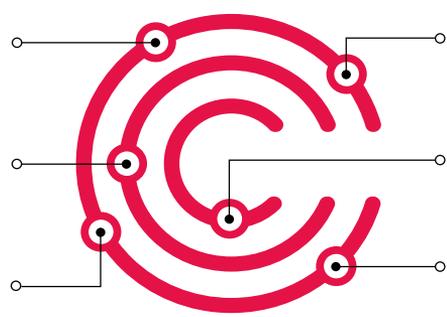
Alongside developing crucial employability skills, you will complete work experience with employers.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Automation Engineer**  
£25k - £50k

**Welding Fabricator**  
£20k - £50k

**CAD Technician**  
£15k - £35k+



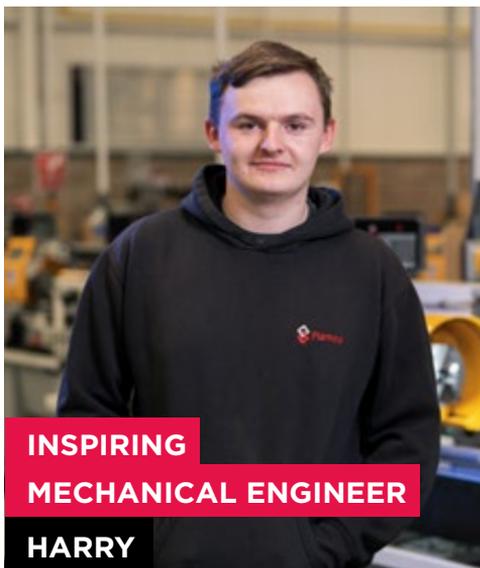
**Product Designer**  
£19k - £50k+

**Electrical Engineer**  
£20k - £60k

**Mechanical Engineer**  
£22k - £55k

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• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/engineering](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/engineering) for more information



INSPIRING

MECHANICAL ENGINEER

HARRY

**Classroom**

Level 3 Technical Extended Diploma in Mechanical Engineering

**Career**

Mechanical Engineering Apprenticeship at Flamco UK Ltd

**Joined us from**

Hope Academy

**"I've progressed from a level 1 course through to a level 3 apprenticeship with Flamco UK Ltd.**

I've always struggled with classroom learning, but my tutors always say that I am skilled with practical work, so an apprenticeship is the perfect route for me. I'm hoping to progress on to a HNC in Engineering."

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**Level 3 Technical Extended Diploma**

Engineering

**What will I study?**

During this advanced two-year course, you will gain an in-depth understanding of engineering design, civil engineering, rail and aerospace, innovation and new engineering technologies.

You will develop your knowledge and practical skills in our specialist workshops, whilst undertaking additional maths qualifications.

**What will I need?**

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and science and a grade 5 or above in maths.

**Progression**

You could accrue up to **112 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

You could progress on to a HNC Engineering qualification at University Centre St Helens.

**Level 2 Technical Certificate**

Mechanical Engineering

**What will I study?**

During this one-year course, you will study a range of engineering techniques and advanced manufacturing systems, whilst developing practical skills and experience in turning and milling operations.

You will also gain an understanding of computer aided drawing software (CAD) whilst practising your drawing techniques.

**What will I need?**

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English, maths and science.

**Progression**

You could progress on to the level 3 Technical Extended Diploma in Engineering or on to an apprenticeship.



## Ash

### Classroom

Level 3 Diploma in Engineering  
Technologies: Mechanical Engineering

### Career

Mechanical Engineering Design  
Apprentice at CAL International

### Joined us from

Sussex College Network (Sri Lanka)

Read his full story at:  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/ash](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/ash)

## Level 2 Technical Certificate

### Electrical Engineering

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will explore the principles, methods and technology involved in electrical/electronic engineering.

You will also gain an understanding of engineering environmental awareness, technical drawing techniques, electrical control systems and machinery and equipment.

#### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, maths and science.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Technical Extended Diploma in Engineering or on to an apprenticeship.



## Level 1 NVQ Diploma

### Performing Engineering Operations (Multi-Skill)

#### What will I study?

This one-year course will provide you with the foundational skills and knowledge required to launch your career within the engineering industry.

Based in our specialist workshops, you will develop a range of practical and employability skills specific to your area of interest, gaining a strong understanding of the principles of engineering.

#### What will I need?

You do not need any formal qualifications, just a passion and commitment to your studies.

#### Progression

You could progress on to a level 2 Technical Certificate in Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering, or on to an apprenticeship.



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COMBINED AUTHORITY

METRO MAYOR  
LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

## This is no average classroom!

Develop your skills in our industry-standard engineering workshops, including our newly refurbished £750k engineering facility, partially funded by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRA), equipped with CNC machines, milling machines, axis lathes, simulators and much more!

## Industry Links

**ThermoFisher**  
SCIENTIFIC



**CAL**  
INTERNATIONAL

# INSPIRING MECHANICAL ENGINEER

**REBECCA**

**"I have always loved discovering how things work and prefer to learn in a practical way, so when I had the opportunity to complete an engineering apprenticeship at Cheshire Seals and Components, I jumped at the chance. After completing my apprenticeship, I hope to progress on to a HNC to continue developing my skills."**

**Classroom**

Level 3 Technical Extended Diploma in Mechanical Engineering

**Career**

Mechanical Engineering Apprentice at Cheshire Seals and Components

**Joined us from**

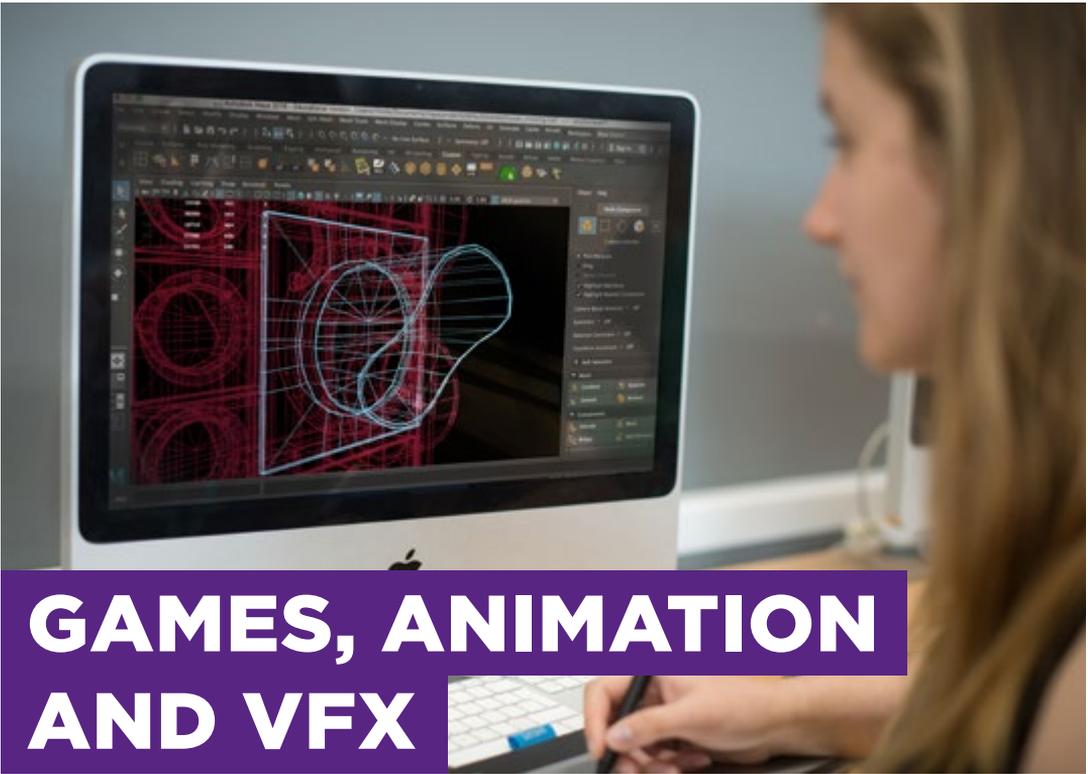
Cowley International College



**Connecting Classroom to Career**



Read Rebecca's story at  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/rebecca](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/rebecca)

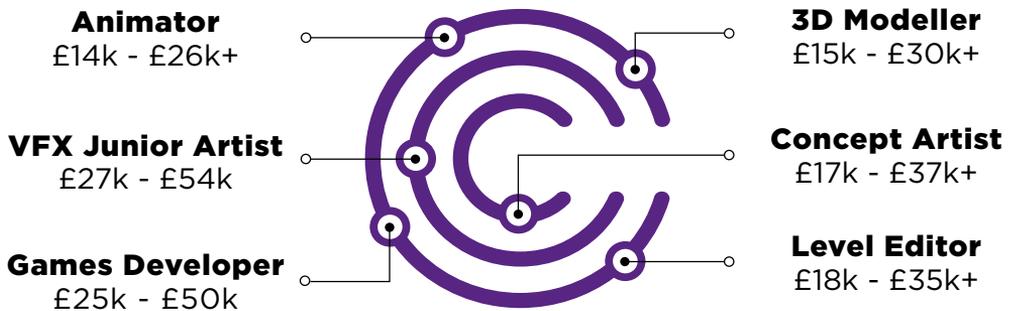


# GAMES, ANIMATION AND VFX

The Northwest is home to a growing digital arts industry and key production studios for animation, games production and visual effects for TV and film, which means big employers are always looking for fresh talent!

Designed by leading industry partners such as Ubisoft, Sony, Framestore, Blue Zoo and Double Negative, you will develop technical, artistic and programming skills that are crucial to you launching your career. You will also have the opportunity to work on a range of live briefs with local and regional employers.

## Connecting Classroom to Career



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• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/games](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/games) for more information



**ASPIRING  
3D ARTIST  
THOMAS**

### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Games, Animation and VFX Skills

### **University**

Game Art at University Centre St Helens

### **Joined us from**

De La Salle High School

**"From using industry standard software to gaining insight from companies such as TT Games, who have produced work for the likes of LEGO - I have loved every minute of my course!"**

I am now continuing my journey to becoming a professional 3D Artist by studying BA (Hons) Game Art at University Centre St Helens."

### **This is no average classroom!**

Our partnership with NextGen Skills Academy means our students have access to the most incredible learning environment, from masterclasses with leading figures in the industry to software used by top professionals!



### **Level 3 Extended Diploma**

Games, Animation and VFX Skills

#### **What will I study?**

This unique course is designed by some of the world's leading employers to ensure you have the necessary skills to succeed in the industry.

You will master 3D modelling and animation using Autodesk Maya, concept your ideas in Adobe Photoshop, build unique games in Unreal Engine 4 and produce an extensive show reel portfolio.

#### **What will I need?**

You should have successfully completed the level 3 Diploma in Games, Animation and VFX Skills.

#### **Progression**

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

You may choose to progress on to University Centre St Helens to study a creative arts degree such as BA (Hons) Game Art.

### **Level 3 Diploma**

Games, Animation and VFX Skills

#### **What will I study?**

This one-year course will give you the entry-level skills you need to work successfully in the industry. Designed by industry professionals, this award-winning qualification offers you the chance to be a part of the next generation of leading talent.

You will develop technical, artistic, maths and programming skills that are vital to the successful creation of any game, animation or visual effects sequence.

#### **What will I need?**

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths, including an art and design based subject or portfolio of work.

#### **Progression**

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Games, Animation and VFX Skills.

## STUDENT ARTWORK



**Robert** - Level 3 Extended Diploma



**Robert** - Level 3 Extended Diploma



**Owen** - Level 3 Extended Diploma



**Aidan** - Level 3 Extended Diploma

# ASPIRING GAMES PROGRAMMER

**OWEN**

**"With the support of my Tutor Rob, I was able to secure a Screenskills Mentorship with Playta Games, where I am working on a project for Nintendo Switch. This course has provided me with so many amazing opportunities. I would never have imagined I'd be heading to university in Scotland to study Game Design."**

**Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Games, Animation and VFX

**University**

Game Design and Production at Abertay University

**Joined us from**

Mountmellick Community School, Ireland



Connecting **Classroom** to **Career**



Read Owen's story at  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/owen](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/owen)



# GRAPHIC DESIGN

The UK has the second largest design industry in the world, and is recognised as an innovative leader with high quality designers. This means that now more than ever, employers are looking for talented individuals with the right mix of skills, creativity and imagination to change lives, communities and organisations for the better.

Working on live briefs with local employers is a crucial part of your course, alongside showcasing your work at our end-of-year show.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

### Graphic Designer

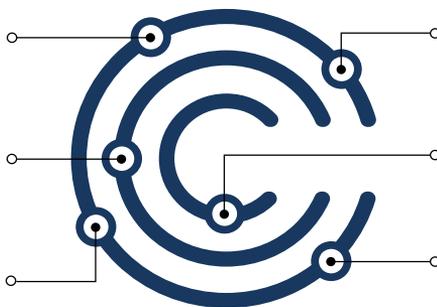
£16k - £50k+

### Product Designer

£19k - £50k+

### Animator

£14k - £36k+



### Advertising Art Director

£18k - £100k

### Art Editor

£18k - £40k+

### Illustrator

£18k - £40k

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/graphicdesign](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/graphicdesign) for more information



## ASPIRING GRAPHIC DESIGNER

EMILY

### Classroom

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Graphic Design

### University

Graphic Design at University Centre St Helens

### Joined us from

De La Salle High School

**"Seeing my work on display for the first time at our end-of-year show was such a proud moment for me!"**

The course has really helped to build my confidence and prepare me for when I will have to present work to clients in the future. I am progressing on to university to enhance my skills and job opportunities."

### This is no average classroom!

Based in our Apple Mac studio using the latest software, you will build a portfolio of work across a range of disciplines with direct access to a creative community of practising artists, photographers and other arts professionals.



## Level 3 Extended Diploma

Art and Design Practice  
(Graphic Design)

### What will I study?

Throughout this advanced course, you will unleash your creativity across a range of disciplines from designing fonts, typefaces and magazine layouts to exploring digital and traditional illustration and studying 2D animation.

You will build an extensive portfolio while working on live briefs and could also gain an Adobe Certified Associate qualification.

### What will I need?

You should have successfully completed the level 3 National Diploma in Art and Design Practice (Graphic Design).

### Progression

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

You may choose to progress on to University Centre St Helens to study BA (Hons) Graphic Design.

## Level 3 National Diploma

Art and Design Practice  
(Graphic Design)

### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will develop your imagination through the use of visual communication and contextual studies.

You will explore ideas and concepts, typography, branding and graphics and you will use the latest Adobe software packages to give you the competitive advantage when you are ready to enter the industry.

### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths, and preferably an art based subject.

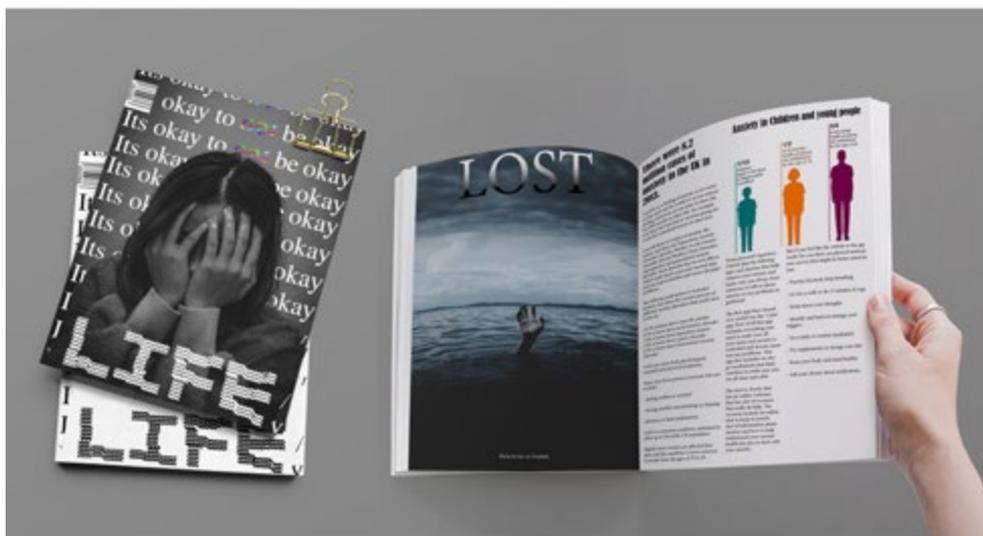
### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design Practice (Graphic Design).

## STUDENT ARTWORK



**Emily** - Level 3 Extended Diploma



**Regan** - Level 3 Extended Diploma



Emily - Level 3 Extended Diploma



Kane - Level 3 Extended Diploma



# HAIRDRESSING AND BARBERING

A career in hairdressing and barbering can take you anywhere in the world, from working in a spa, at a holiday resort or on film and TV, to cruise liners and even the theatre. It's hard work but it's exciting!

Based in our commercial hairdressing salon, The Lounge, you will work with commercial clients, creating on trend hair designs, perfecting your cutting skills and discovering how to trim men's facial hair with precision.

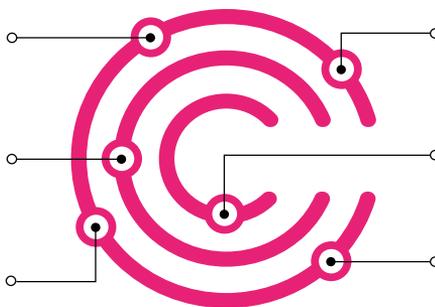
Our technical routes enable you to specialise in the career of your choice while developing key skills to lead you to career success. You could achieve up to a Distinction \*, equivalent to A\* at A level.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Hairdresser**  
£15k - £30k

**Barber**  
£15k - £25k

**Colour Specialist**  
£14k - £20k+



**Image Consultant**  
£14k - £30k+

**Senior Stylist**  
£20k - £30k+

**Salon Manager**  
£18k - £30k

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/hairdressing](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/hairdressing) for more information



**ASPIRING  
HAIR STYLIST**

**NICOLE**

### **Classroom**

Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing Studies

### **Career**

Aspiring Hair Stylist

### **Joined us from**

Haydock High School

**"From a young age, I have always loved styling hair, taking inspiration from my mum who currently works in the industry."**

I really enjoy working in the College's commercial salon. Being able to practise my skills on paying clients has given me the confidence to secure an apprenticeship working in a local salon."

## **Fire up your career!**

Develop your experience and skills in the workplace with an apprenticeship. Earn while you learn, and gain a recognised qualification at College. See page 32 to find out how you could benefit from studying an apprenticeship route.



## **Level 3 Diploma**

Hairdressing (Technical)

### **What will I study?**

This advanced one-year course is designed to prepare you for a successful career as an employed and/or self-employed Hairdresser/Stylist. You will practise your cutting, colouring and styling skills on commercial clients.

There is also an opportunity to become a State Registered Hairdresser (SRH) with the Hair Council at the end of your course, an official recognition that is valued by employers.

### **What will I need?**

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above and a level 2 Hairdressing qualification.

### **Progression**

You could progress on to the level 4 Diploma in Salon Management or directly into employment.

## **Level 2 Diploma**

Ladies Hairdressing (Technical)

### **What will I study?**

During this one-year course, you will explore everything from blow drying, styling and cutting hair to colouring, dressing and treating the hair and scalp in our commercial salon, The Lounge.

You will gain insight from haircare specialists and local industry professionals with an opportunity to gain a membership that is recognised by the industry.

### **What will I need?**

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths.

### **Progression**

You could progress directly into employment, on to the level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing (Technical) or on to an apprenticeship.



### **This is no average classroom!**

Showcase your skills and talent at industry competitions, such as the annual Association of Hairdressers and Therapist Skills Show, whilst building your confidence in our commercial hairdressing salon, practising your skills on paying clients.

## Level 2 Diploma

### Hairdressing Studies

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will practise your skills on commercial clients including cutting, colouring and styling.

You will also learn how to conduct client consultations and master the art of shampooing and conditioning the hair and scalp, whilst providing impeccable customer service to create a relaxing environment.

#### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress directly into employment, on to the level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing (Technical) or on to an apprenticeship.

## Level 1 Diploma

### Hairdressing

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to the industry. You will develop the skills and knowledge required to progress on to the next level of study and will have the opportunity to complete work experience within a salon setting.

You will explore everything from dressing and styling hair, to colouring hair effectively and maintaining a professional image in the salon.

#### What will I need?

You do not need any formal qualifications, just passion and a commitment to your studies.

#### Progression

You could progress directly into employment, or on to a level 2 qualification in Hairdressing, Beauty or Hair and Media Makeup.

## Level 2 Certificate

### Barbering

#### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will develop the skills, knowledge and experience to become a successful, men's Hairdresser.

Based in our commercial salon, you will enhance your cutting techniques when cutting men's hair and facial hair. You will also provide client consultations and learn how to promote products and services to commercial clients.

#### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress directly into employment, on to the level 3 Diploma in Barbering at our Knowsley Campus or on to an apprenticeship.



## Industry Links

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DEAR BARBER  
THE PROFESSIONALS

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BY STEINER



Working in health, social care and nursing is so varied and rewarding. Whether it is working in a clinical setting or in the community, you will feel like you have one of the best careers in the world.

You will gain hands-on experience in real, healthcare environments alongside your course, taking advantage of our strong links with employers such as the NHS.

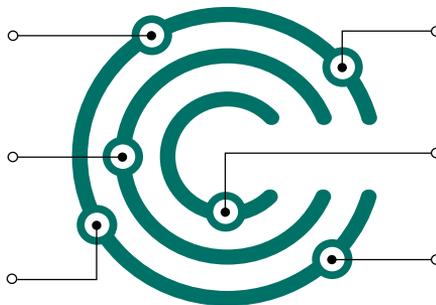
You will also have the chance to gain first-hand insight from special guest speakers.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Dental Nurse**  
£19k - £30k+

**Healthcare Assistant**  
£18k - £20k+

**Residential Care Manager**  
£25k - £54k+



**Operating Department Practitioner**  
£24k - £30k+

**Midwife**  
£24k - £43k+

**Social Worker**  
£24k - £40k+

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/health](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/health) for more information



**ASPIRING  
PARAMEDIC**

**JAMES**

### **Classroom**

Level 3 Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

### **Career**

Aspiring Paramedic

### **Joined us from**

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic High School

**"When I started my course, my confidence was very low but with the support from my tutors, I gained the courage to overcome my nerves to complete my placements.**

Once I complete my course, I plan to progress on to university to achieve my dream career of becoming a Paramedic."

## **Fire up your career!**

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## **Level 3 Technical Extended Diploma**

Health and Social Care

### **What will I study?**

This advanced two-year course, supported by NHS Trusts, Whiston Hospital and the Northwest Ambulance Service, combines work placements in settings such as specialist units, outpatient wards and care homes, with the theory undertaken in the classroom.

You will explore everything from health promotion and health psychology to anatomy and medication in health and social care. If you are interested in an allied health career, this course could also form part of a Cadetship.

### **What will I need?**

You should have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths.

### **Progression**

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university. Alternatively, you could secure employment or a higher apprenticeship.

## **Level 3 Certificate**

Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care

### **What will I study?**

This recognised qualification allows you to understand and develop the skills needed for working and caring for adults by exploring care plans, roles and responsibilities in the sector.

This qualification is also enhanced with mandatory work placements in the care sector to develop your confidence and employability skills.

### **What will I need?**

You should have three GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths.

### **Progression**

You could progress on to the level 3 Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care or directly into employment.



## Shannon

### Classroom

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Cadetship)

### University

Adult Nursing at Liverpool John Moores University

### Joined us from

Byrchall High School

Read her full story at:  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/shannon](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/shannon)

## Level 2 Extended Diploma

Health and Care Professions

### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will have the opportunity to undertake a work placement to gain first-hand insight and experience of working in such an exciting industry.

Alongside this, you will explore everything from anatomy, physiology, dementia, nutrition and healthcare practice to social psychology, mental health and learning difficulties.

### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and maths.

### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care or the level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care.

## Level 1 Introductory Diploma

Health and Social Care and Early Years

### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to the industry, especially if you haven't had the opportunity to study this at school.

You will develop an understanding of both health and childcare professions and explore many health and childcare related topics including keeping active, healthy living, preschool activities, reading and numeracy.

### What will I need?

You should have two or more GCSEs at grade 2, including English and/or maths.

### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Extended Diploma in Health and Care Professions or the level 2 Diploma in Early Years Practitioner.



## Industry Links





Based in our commercial Automotive Hub, you will develop your skills and knowledge working on real cars in our MOT bay and fast-fit department.

All of our tutors are Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) registered, ensuring that you are being taught by the very best in the industry and you will even have the chance to gain valuable work experience alongside your course.

Many of our students have secured employment with their work placement employers such as Jaguar Land Rover and Howard Basfords.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

### Auto Electrician

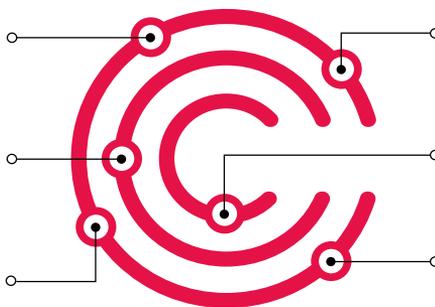
£17k - £37k

### Hybrid and Electrical Vehicle Technician

£17k - £30k+

### Garage Manager

£24k - £36k



### Motor Vehicle Breakdown Engineer

£25k - £40k

### Motorsport Engineer

£18k - £60k

### MOT Tester

£22k - £27k+

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/motorvehicle](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/motorvehicle) for more information



## Fire up your career!

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### Level 2 Diploma

Light Vehicle Maintenance Repair

#### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will develop your technical ability and skills on cars, while learning everything you need to know about light vehicles including chassis, transmission, engines and related systems.

You will fix faults using computerised diagnostic tools and industry standard equipment and will also use fabrication tools.

#### What will I need?

You should have successfully achieved a level 1 Motor Vehicle qualification.

#### Progression

You could progress directly into employment or on to an apprenticeship.

### Level 1 Diploma

Transport Maintenance - Light Vehicle

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to the automotive industry. You will develop a strong foundation of skills and knowledge to enable you to progress on to the next level of study.

Using a variety of tools and equipment, you will discover how spark and compression ignition engines work, explore lubrication, steering, braking and suspensions, while also gaining an understanding of electrical systems.

#### What will I need?

You should have GCSEs at grade 3 or above in English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance Repair.



# MUSIC PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE

Explore the world of sound in a creative and innovative environment, working alongside tutors who are active professionals in the music industry (and have even had their own record label!).

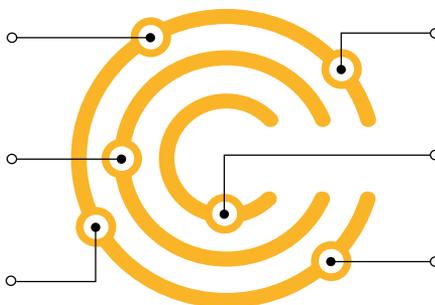
Designed to meet the competitive demands of the industry, our courses transform your passion for music into your dream career. They help you to gain technical knowledge and skills in the latest software such as Cubase, Reason and Ableton Live and provide you with incredible opportunities to gain live experience.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Music Therapist**  
£24k - £42k+

**Recording Artist**  
£12k - £100k+

**Event Production Technician**  
£15k - £35k+



**Radio Producer**  
£22k - £120k+

**Music Promotions Manager**  
£14k - £60k+

**Sound Engineer**  
£18k - £48k+

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

- Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/music](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/music) for more information



**ASPIRING  
VIDEO GAMES  
SOUND DESIGNER**

**LEO**

### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Production

### **University**

Electronic Sound Production at BIMM Manchester

### **Joined us from**

The Sutton Academy

**"I received tonnes of support throughout my course and the facilities are amazing."**

After achieving D\*D\*D, I have now gained a place at BIMM Institute Manchester, and hope to one day fulfil my dream of working for Riot Games on their gaming soundtracks!"

### **This is no average classroom!**

Develop your creative talent in our live recording studio and Apple Mac suite, working on live briefs and collaboration projects with employers, and gaining inspiration from trips to highly acclaimed recording studios and venues.



### **Level 3 Extended Diploma**

Music Production

#### **What will I study?**

Throughout this advanced course, you will gain specialist knowledge and skills in music production whilst working on personal projects such as creating your own album or EP. You will work collaboratively with others and plan and promote your own live music event.

You will also learn and practise the important processes of self promotion and networking in order to progress to junior positions in the industry.

#### **What will I need?**

You should have successfully completed the level 3 Foundation Diploma in Music Production.

#### **Progression**

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

Alternatively, you could progress directly into employment.

### **Level 3 Extended Diploma**

Music Performance

#### **What will I study?**

Advance your skills and gain specialist knowledge and techniques to prepare you for university and a career in the industry. You will learn skills in contemporary song writing, music for moving image and audio engineering using the latest industry software and equipment.

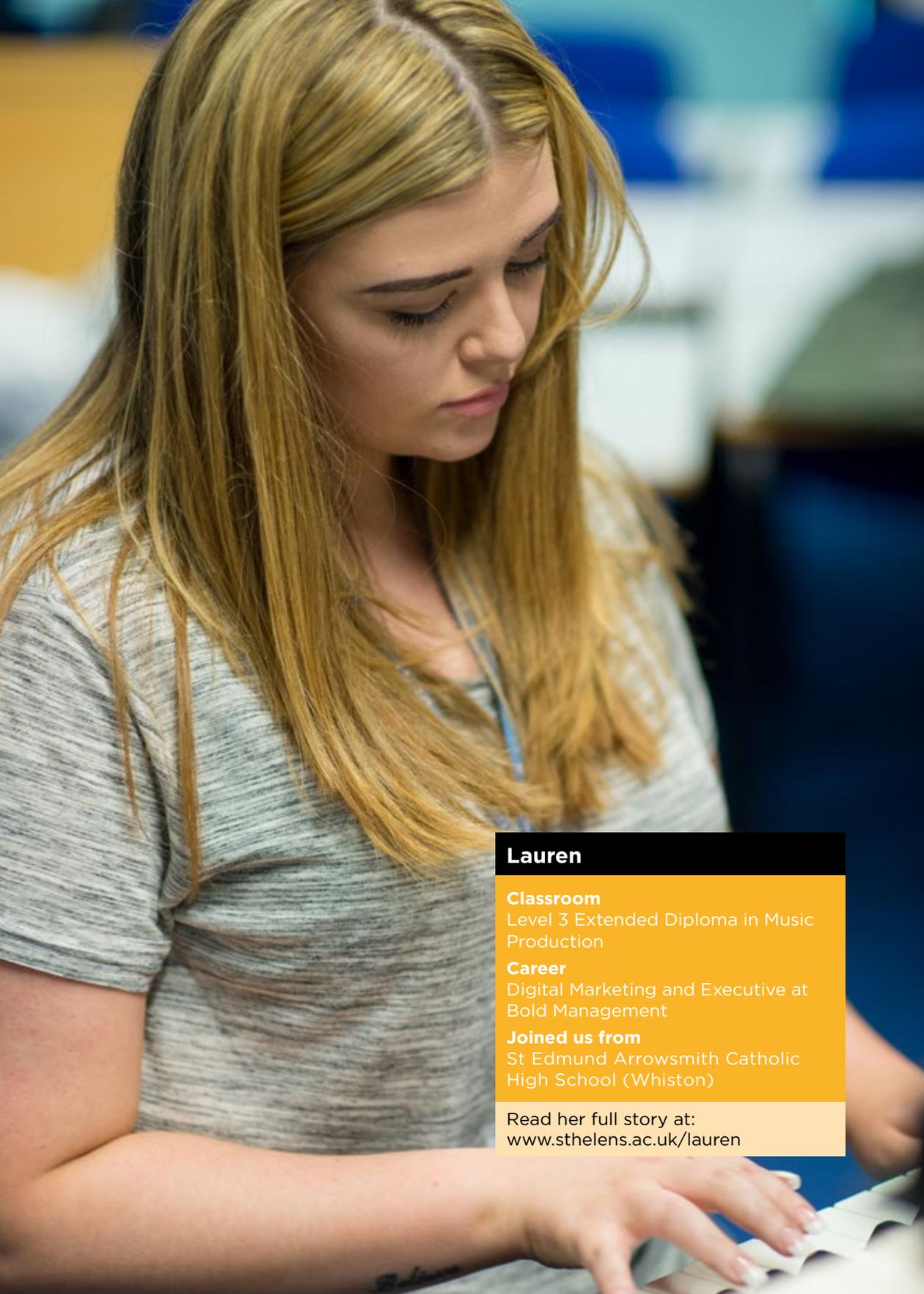
You will also have the opportunity to develop your own music project in collaboration with others to promote and perform at a major end-of-year performance.

#### **What will I need?**

You should have successfully completed the level 3 Foundation Diploma in Music Performance.

#### **Progression**

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university. Alternatively, you could progress directly into employment.



## Lauren

### Classroom

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Production

### Career

Digital Marketing and Executive at Bold Management

### Joined us from

St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School (Whiston)

Read her full story at:  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/lauren](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/lauren)

## Level 3 Foundation Diploma

### Music Production

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will develop your skills and knowledge in the studio, recording and mixing and creating musical material through production and software sequencing. You will also explore the usage of music technology in live events whilst planning for a career in the music industry.

You will also have the chance to explore music enterprise opportunities.

#### What will I need?

You should have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Production.



### Industry Links

GS PROMOTIONS



## Level 3 Foundation Diploma

### Music Performance

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will develop your awareness of the music industry and the latest music performance techniques.

You will gain valuable experience of music session styles, theory, harmony and sequencing techniques and you will also have the opportunity to work and develop a music ensemble.

#### What will I need?

You should have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance.

## Level 2 First Extended Certificate

### Music

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will explore what it takes to succeed in the music industry while developing your experience of using the latest industry software used by global professionals.

You will learn everything from sequencing, producing a recording and composing for visual media to investigating digital and mobile music technology and music products.

#### What will I need?

You should have two GCSEs at grade 4 and two GCSEs at grade 3.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Foundation Diploma in Music Production or Music Performance.



# PERFORMING ARTS

Explore and develop your talent in our bespoke theatre, studios and workshops. From analysing the works of famous directors, practitioners and playwrights to adopting roles such as performer or director, you will be challenged and trained to compete with the very best in the industry.

Our courses are approved by University of the Arts London, one of the leading performing arts universities in the country. This means that you will have access to the most incredible learning environment including professional masterclasses and workshops, and inspirational guest speakers.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

### Stage Manager

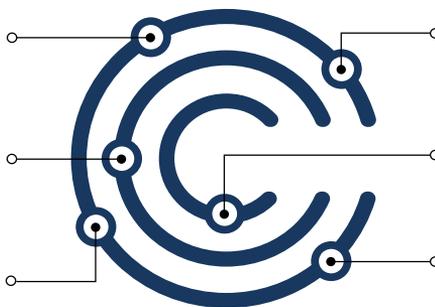
£18k - £45k+

### Drama Teacher

£25k - £34k+

### Actor/Actress

£15k - £100k+



### Sound Engineer

£18k - £48k+

### Musical Theatre Director

£22k - £48k+

### Music Therapist

£30k - £44k+

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/performingarts](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/performingarts) for more information



**ASPIRING  
ACTOR  
SHAUN**

### Classroom

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Professional Theatre

### University

Theatre and Performance at University Centre St Helens

### Joined us from

The Sutton Academy

**"I've had some amazing opportunities from visiting the West End to watch Mamma Mia to undertaking live performances in front of my peers.**

I've gone from being shy in school to breaking straight out of my shell, interacting with people and making amazing memories - definitely the best two years of my life!"

## This is no average classroom!

Take advantage of trips to London's West End and theatres such as The Everyman in Liverpool, whilst performing to live audiences in our bespoke theatre and at external venues.



## Level 3 Extended Diploma

Professional Theatre (UAL)

### What will I study?

This intensive two-year course, approved by University of the Arts London, is specifically designed to train aspiring arts professionals.

Delivered by professional actors and choreographers, you will develop a broad range of performance skills and technical abilities, such as vocal skills, dance skills, physical theatre, TV acting and scriptwriting, all culminating in a live, end-of-year performance.

### What will I need?

You should have three GCSEs at grade 4 or above, or successfully completed the level 2 Diploma in Professional Theatre (UAL).

### Progression

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university. You may choose to progress on to FdA Theatre and Performance at University Centre St Helens.

## Level 2 Diploma

Professional Theatre (UAL)

### What will I study?

This one-year course, approved by University of the Arts London, provides a great introduction to the performing arts industry, especially if you have not had the opportunity to study GCSE Drama in school.

You will develop a broad range of performance skills, including vocal skills, TV acting, multi-media performance, dance skills and scriptwriting with the opportunity to progress on to the next level of study to enhance your technical abilities and knowledge of the industry.

### What will I need?

You do not need any formal qualifications, just a passion and commitment to your studies.

### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Professional Theatre (UAL), approved by University of the the Arts London.



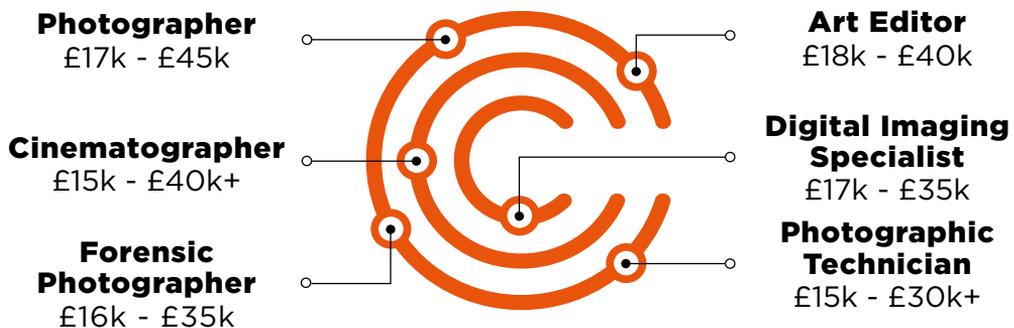
# PHOTOGRAPHY

From the creative imagery used by advertising photographers in magazines, to the compelling world of editorial photography, the camera's ability to record the world around us creates an unlimited number of career opportunities in the industry.

Exploring all aspects of the art, there will be plenty of opportunities to visit regional museums and galleries, along with the opportunity to shoot your own work.

You will work on competition briefs and personal projects whilst collaborating on live projects with professional clients.

## Connecting Classroom to Career



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• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/photography](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/photography) for more information



**ASPIRING  
BUSINESS OWNER**

**LIAM**

### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Photography

### **University**

Graphic Design at University Centre St Helens

### **Joined us from**

The Sutton Academy

**"My course has really opened my eyes to a world of new career possibilities. It has helped me to recognise where my true interests and talents are.**

After discovering a love for editing photographs, I have decided to study graphic design. I hope to one day own my own graphics business."

## **This is no average classroom!**

Based in our studio space and dark room, using industry cameras, equipment and editing software, you will transform your passion for photography into a creative profession.



## **Level 3 Extended Diploma**

Art and Design Practice  
(Photography)

### **What will I study?**

During this course, you will explore a variety of locations to capture your visual ideas while experimenting with lighting, mastering camera control and learning traditional and contemporary practices.

You will also discover portraiture, landscape, still life and mixed media and will undertake exciting projects to build an extensive portfolio.

### **What will I need?**

You should have successfully completed the level 3 National Diploma in Art and Design Practice (Photography).

### **Progression**

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

Alternatively, you could progress directly into employment.

## **Level 3 National Diploma**

Art and Design Practice  
(Photography)

### **What will I study?**

Throughout this one-year course, you will develop your photography skills through a range of practical and theoretical units.

These units include visual recording, exploring the work of photographers, developing your awareness of the 'creative process', and discovering techniques and processes relating to your specialism.

### **What will I need?**

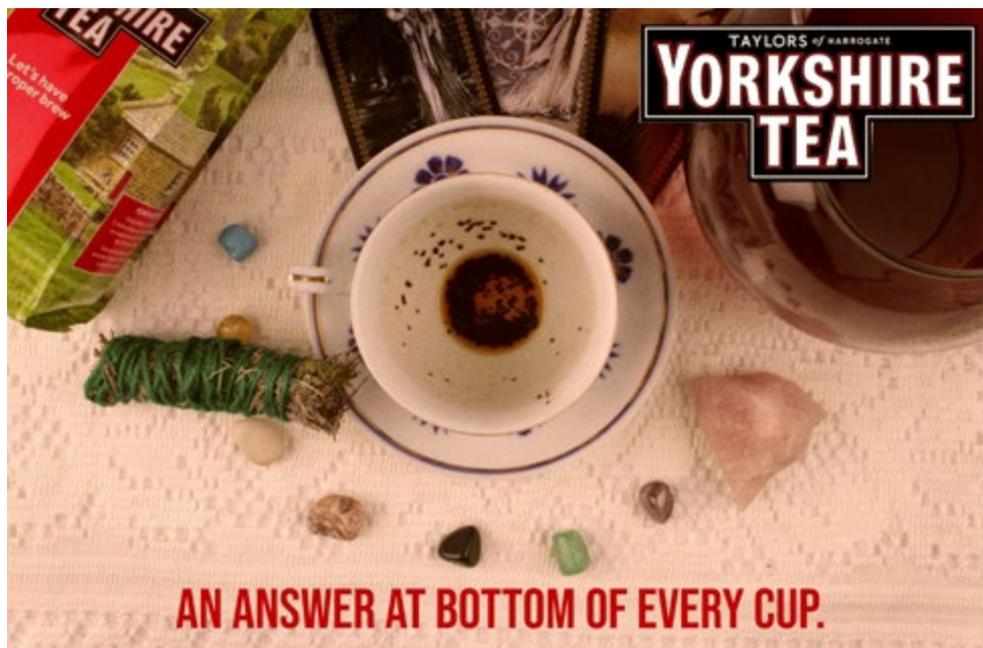
You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths, and an art and design related subject.

### **Progression**

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design Practice (Photography).



**Sarah** - Level 3 Extended Diploma



**Niamh** - Level 3 Extended Diploma



**Lewis** - Level 3 Extended Diploma



This industry plays a vital role in the welfare and also the safety of people here in the UK and abroad, whether on the front-line, or behind the scenes. This means there are so many career opportunities for you to make a real difference at a local, national or international level!

You'll develop your team working, problem-solving and navigation skills and will have the opportunity to take part in everything from adventurous activities and advanced physical training to masterclasses with industry professionals.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Civil Service  
Manager**

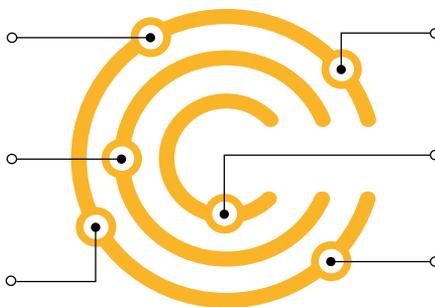
£35k - £68k+

**Police Officer**

£21k - £40k+

**Royal Marines  
Officer**

£27k - £40k+



**Border Force  
Officer**

£23k - £30k+

**Firefighter**

£23k - £38k+

**Chartered Legal  
Executive**

£17k - £50k+

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/pservices](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/pservices) for more information



## ASPIRING FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

**DYLAN**

### Classroom

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Entry to the Uniformed Services

### Career

Aspiring Forensic Psychologist

### Joined us from

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic High School

**"The course has taught me so much about myself. It has been challenging but I have developed so much both mentally and physically.**

My tutors have encouraged and supported me to progress to university to become a Forensic Psychologist. I hope to have a career working on criminal cases."

### This is no average classroom!

As a leading Northwest recruiter for the Royal Navy, you will work closely with forces personnel whilst having the opportunity to go on exciting trips to various Army Reserves and outdoor adventure activities.



### Level 3 Extended Diploma

Entry to the Uniformed Services

#### What will I study?

This advanced two-year course, is designed to prepare you for a career in the armed forces such as the The Royal Navy, The British Army or The Royal Air Force.

You will develop skills, knowledge and behaviours from expert staff, who have had fantastic careers in a variety of services. Whether you choose to secure employment or progress on to university first, our tutors prepare you mentally and physically whilst developing your independence and resilience.

#### What will I need?

You should have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths.

#### Progression

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university. Alternatively, you could progress into employment, or on to the recruitment and selection process for the armed forces or uniformed service of your choice.

### Level 3 Extended Diploma

Entry to the Protective Services

#### What will I study?

This two-year course is designed to prepare you to enter the public sector or uniformed protective services of your choice, including the Police, Fire and Prison Service or Border Force.

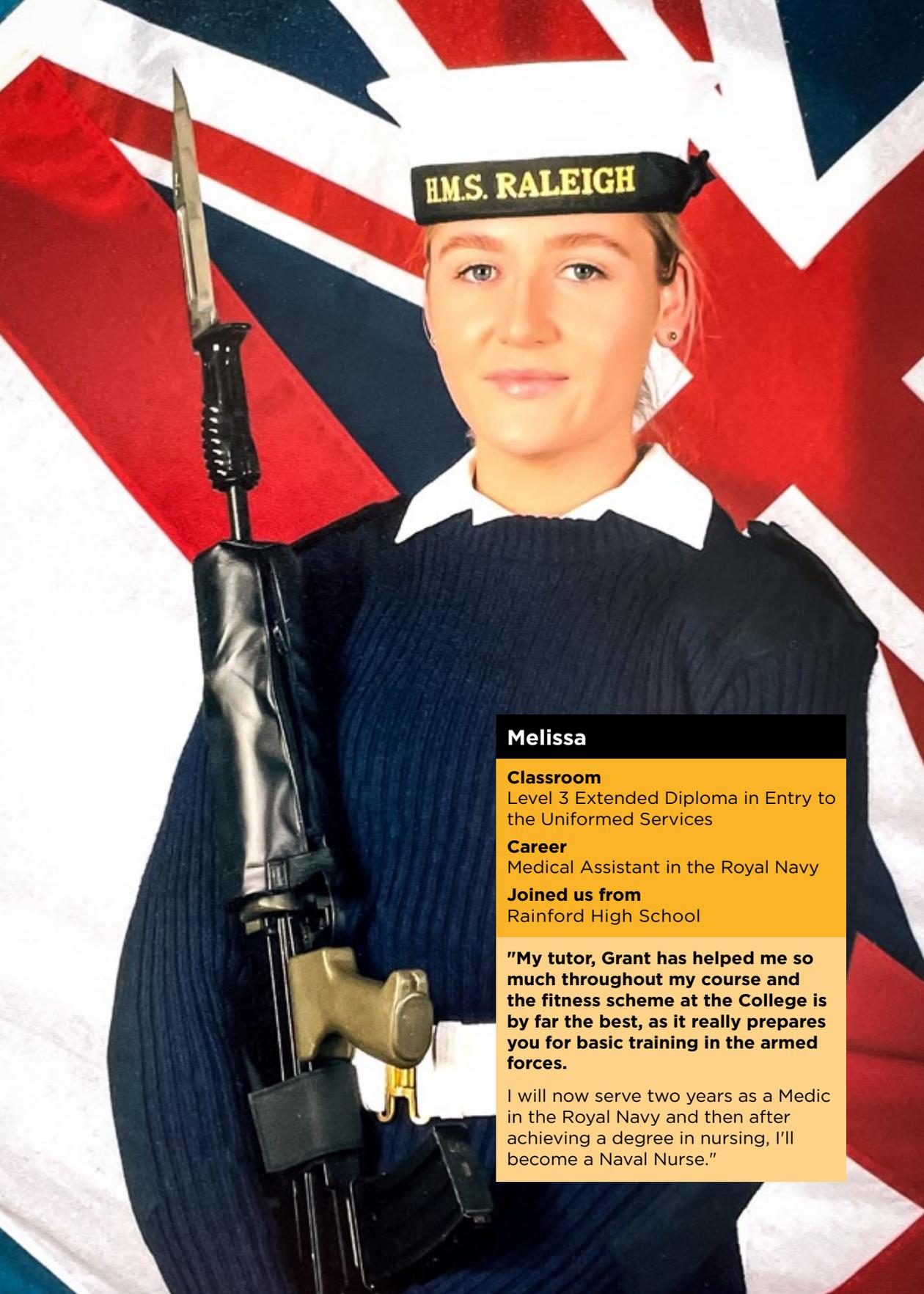
While developing your physical fitness in our gym, studio and the great outdoors, you will learn what it takes to be a successful leader, gaining crucial communication, and navigation skills. You will also explore current affairs, conflict management and international organisations.

#### What will I need?

You should have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths.

#### Progression

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university. Alternatively, you could progress directly into employment, or on to the recruitment and selection process for the uniformed service of your choice.



## **Melissa**

### **Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Entry to the Uniformed Services

### **Career**

Medical Assistant in the Royal Navy

### **Joined us from**

Rainford High School

**"My tutor, Grant has helped me so much throughout my course and the fitness scheme at the College is by far the best, as it really prepares you for basic training in the armed forces.**

I will now serve two years as a Medic in the Royal Navy and then after achieving a degree in nursing, I'll become a Naval Nurse."

## Level 2 Diploma

### Entry to the Uniformed Services

#### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will train and prepare for a career in the armed forces or other uniformed service of your choice.

While exploring different aspects of your physical fitness, you will have the opportunity to participate in competitive sports or adventurous activities, undertake voluntary experience and understand service routine.

#### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Entry to the Uniformed or Protective Services.

## Level 1 Certificate/Diploma

### Entry to the Uniformed Services

#### What will I study?

This one-year course is a great introduction to the uniformed services. Alongside building your fitness in our sports facilities, you will investigate employment opportunities in the industry.

You will also develop your self-discipline and team working skills, in addition to participating in outdoor adventure activities and competitive sports.

#### What will I need?

You should have two or more GCSEs at grade 2 or above in English and/or maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Diploma in Entry to the Uniformed Services.



## Industry Links





# SCIENCE

Working in our fully equipped laboratories, you will explore the realms of science as you investigate genetics, human anatomy, physiology and pharmacology.

You will develop valuable practical skills and analytical thinking, crucial to progressing on to university or entering employment in the science sector.

Studying science can lead to many exciting career opportunities within fields such as biomedical science, microbiology, forensic science and even nutrition or teaching!

## Connecting Classroom to Career

### Laboratory Technician

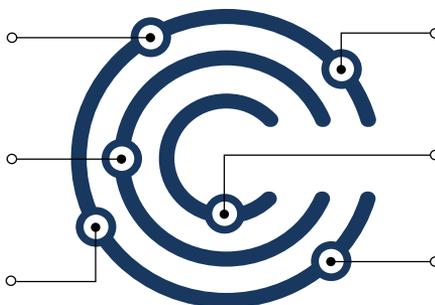
£17k - £30k+

### Food Scientist

£20k - £45k+

### Microbiologist

£20k - £40k+



### Forensic Scientist

£20k - £45k+

### Exercise Physiologist

£18k - £35k+

### Nutritionist

£24k- £37k+

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

- Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/science](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/science) for more information



**INSPIRING  
NURSE  
EMILY**

### Classroom

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science

### Career

Registered General Nurse at Chorley Hospital

### Joined us from

Shevington High School

**"Thanks to the support from my tutors, I achieved D\*D\*D\*, which secured me a place at the University of Salford to study Nursing.**

I now work as a Registered General Nurse at Chorley Hospital. Being able to study infections and diseases at College, was where it all began for me."

## Fire up your career!

Develop your experience and skills in the workplace with an apprenticeship. Earn while you learn, and gain a recognised qualification at College. See page 32 to find out how you could benefit from studying an apprenticeship route.



## Level 3 Extended Diploma

Applied Science

### What will I study?

You will explore all aspects of science, from conducting practical experiments and hypotheses to investigating diseases, chemical reactions and medical physics.

Enhancing your knowledge of scientific theory will equip you for higher education and employment within the science sector.

### What will I need?

You should have completed the level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science.

### Progression

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

You may choose to progress on to University Centre St Helens to study FdSc Applied Microbiology, FdSc Exercise, Health and Fitness or HNC Applied Chemistry.

## Level 3 National Foundation Diploma

Applied Science

### What will I study?

This one-year course provides a strong introduction to scientific theory, whilst supporting you to develop practical and transferable skills, to enable you to progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science.

Based in our laboratories, you will gain insight from industry expert tutors whilst undertaking a variety of investigative projects and practical tasks such as chemical analysis, where you will synthesise and analyse aspirin.

### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, maths and science.

### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science.

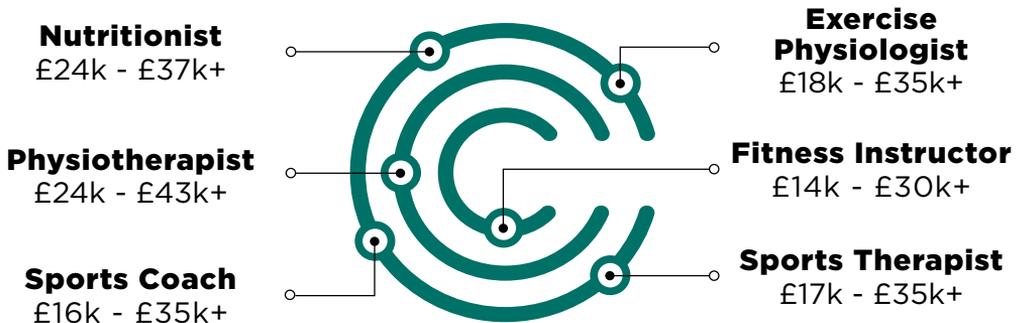


Training in our exercise studio, gym and outdoor facilities, you will learn the theory and practice behind sport, exercise, health and fitness.

Whether you want to become a fitness instructor, personal trainer, community sports coach or PE teacher, this is the first step towards an exciting career.

Previous students have progressed to university, secured exciting new roles in the industry or have enhanced their performance competing globally for Team GB!

## Connecting Classroom to Career



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- Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/sport](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/sport) for more information



## ASPIRING PROFESSIONAL RUGBY PLAYER

SHAY

### Classroom

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity

### Career

Aspiring Professional Rugby Player

### Joined us from

De La Salle High School

**"I have always loved sports and have played rugby since a young age. I currently play for the Saints under 19s team.**

This course has helped me to develop my knowledge, particularly within anatomy and physiology. I hope to continue to play professional rugby and study a sports and exercise science degree at a local university."

### This is no average classroom!

You will have access to some amazing facilities to enable you to develop both your skills and physical fitness, such as our fully-equipped gym, exercise studio and the great outdoors!



### Level 3 Extended Diploma

Sport and Physical Activity

#### What will I study?

During this advanced two-year course, you will gain practical skills and an understanding of the sport and physical activity sector. A work placement within a sports setting will boost your experience, career prospects and university application.

You will learn everything there is to know about sports development, athlete lifestyles, fitness training and sports massage.

#### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths.

#### Progression

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university.

You may choose to progress on to FdSc Exercise, Health and Fitness at University Centre St Helens.

### Level 2 Certificate

Sport

#### What will I study?

Throughout this one-year course, you will gain an insight into the sport and fitness industry and develop essential skills such as communication, leadership, self-management and teamwork. You will experience a variety of sports to enhance your fitness such as football, netball, tennis, badminton and athletics.

There will also be an opportunity to work with local primary schools to create fun and engaging sport sessions.

#### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English or maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity.



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## Level 2 Certificate

### Gym Instructing

#### What will I study?

With this one-year vocationally recognised qualification, you will gain a license to practice and develop essential knowledge of working and managing a leisure facility such as a gym.

You will learn about anatomy and physiology, how to successfully lead fitness sessions and how to plan an effective training programme for a client.

#### What will I need?

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and/or maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity. Alternatively, if you are looking to specialise in sports science such as exercise physiology, you may choose to progress on to the level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science.

## Level 1 Certificate

### Sport

#### What will I study?

This one-year course introduces you to the world of sport and the skills and knowledge required to succeed in the sports industry.

You will develop key leadership and teamwork skills whilst learning about fitness testing and fitness programmes.

You will also understand how to develop your research skills while action planning your development and knowledge.

#### What will I need?

You should have two or more GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English and/or maths.

#### Progression

You could progress on to the level 2 Certificate in Gym Instructing or the level 2 Certificate in Sport.



## Industry Links



Hunt Personal Training

# ASPIRING PHYSIOTHERAPIST

**KERRIE**

**"Since joining the course my confidence has grown. I am always excited to learn new skills and develop my knowledge. Once I complete my course, I plan to progress to university to achieve my goal of becoming a Physiotherapist. In the future, I hope to have my own business and continue playing rugby at a professional level."**

**Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity

**Career**

Aspiring Physiotherapist

**Joined us from**

Rainford High School



**Connecting Classroom to Career**



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Read Kerrie's story at  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/kerrie](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/kerrie)



# TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Airport operations, cabin crew and holiday representatives play an important role in the delivery of the customer experience, so you will learn all about different cultures and customs to provide a first class experience.

From work experience and water survival training to meeting big employers like Jet2.com, your course is enriched with lots of trips and activities.

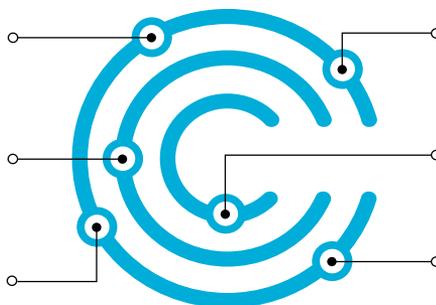
Many of our students have progressed on to university, while others have secured employment with some of the world's top airlines, airports and tourism companies.

## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Cabin Crew**  
£14k - £30k+

**Marketing Executive**  
£18k - £30k+

**Events Manager**  
£17k - £45k+



**Tourism Officer**  
£19k - £30k

**Airline Customer Service Agent**  
£13k - £30k

**Travel Consultant**  
£14k - £30k

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 136 for details, July 2021

• Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/travel](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/travel) for more information



## ASPIRING FLIGHT OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE

ELLE MAY

### Classroom

Level 2 Diploma in Aviation Environment

### Career

Aspiring Flight Operations Executive

### Joined us from

St Cuthbert's Catholic High School

**"I have had so much fun and met some amazing friends who are all so supportive of each other.**

My favourite topic on the course has been aviation security, learning about the different security processes including, check-in, boarding and security screenings. The assessment days have been really beneficial in helping to prepare us for the industry."

### This is no average classroom!

You could take part in wet drill training, familiarisation flights, and trips in the UK and abroad, whilst gaining insight from guest speakers and developing your skills in our mock aircraft and baggage check-in desk.



## Level 3 Extended Diploma

Travel and Tourism

### What will I study?

During this advanced two-year course, you will develop your awareness of the latest travel trends, and gain valuable work experience within the industry. You will also understand the importance of marketing and responsible tourism, and discover what it takes to become a successful holiday representative.

You will investigate the cruise industry and explore retail travel operations and events management.

### What will I need?

You should have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths.

### Progression

You could accrue up to **168 UCAS Tariff Points** to take you to university. Alternatively, you could progress directly into employment.

## Level 3 Diploma

Aviation Operations

### What will I study?

During this one-year course, you will advance your skills and knowledge of aviation operations to prepare you for an exciting career within an airport or onboard an aircraft.

You will learn all there is to know about the UK aviation industry whilst exploring passenger services, customer service, ramp operations and aircraft dispatch.

### What will I need?

You should have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths.

### Progression

You could progress directly into employment.



Jet2.com  
Matt

## Matty

### Classroom

Level 2 Diploma in Cabin Crew

### Career

Cabin Crew at Jet2.com

### Joined us from

St John Fisher Catholic High School

Read his full story at:  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/matty](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/matty)

**Level 2 Diploma**

## Travel and Tourism

**What will I study?**

During this one-year course, you will enhance your knowledge of customer service and retail travel services while exploring visitor attractions and the role of resort representatives and tour operations.

You will also discover the importance of promotional activities in travel and tourism by conducting market research and creating effective promotional materials for target markets.

**What will I need?**

You should have four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and maths.

**Progression**

You could progress on to the level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism.

**Level 2 Diploma**

## Cabin Crew

**What will I study?**

Throughout this one-year course, you may participate in a familiarisation flight with Jet2.com, spend time behind the scenes at international airports and develop your knowledge in our mock aircraft cabin.

You will also take part in emergency evacuations, fire and smoke cabin procedures, life raft simulation and safety demonstrations to prepare you for your career in the sky.

**What will I need?**

You should have four GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths. You will need to be aged 18 upon completion of this course.

**Progression**

You could progress directly into employment.

**Level 2 Diploma**

## Aviation Environment

**What will I study?**

During this one-year course, you will discover what it is like to work in passenger services, in addition to providing dispatch, baggage and ramp services.

You will also explore aircraft marshalling and understand how to load instruction reports alongside gaining insight from aviation professionals.

**What will I need?**

You should have two GCSEs at grade 3 or above, and two GCSEs at grade 4 or above in English and maths.

**Progression**

You could progress on to the level 2 Diploma in Cabin Crew, level 3 Diploma in Aviation Operations or into employment.

**Level 1 Diploma**

## Travel and Tourism

**What will I study?**

This one-year course is a great introduction to the travel and tourism industry. You will explore the importance of customer service and the role of an overseas resort representative.

You will also have the opportunity to gain insight from experienced industry guest speakers and go on exciting trips to enhance your learning.

**What will I need?**

You do not need any formal qualifications, just a passion and commitment to your studies.

**Progression**

You could progress on to the level 2 Diploma in Travel and Tourism, the level 2 Diploma in Cabin Crew, or the level 2 Diploma in Aviation Environment.

**Industry Links**



Read Sophie's story at  
[www.sthelens.ac.uk/sophie](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/sophie)

# ASPIRING TOURISM MARKETING EXECUTIVE

**SOPHIE**

**"The passion the tutors have for the travel industry made my experience at College much more enjoyable. They really are experts within their field! I have gained so much knowledge of the industry, which has opened lots of opportunities for me to explore once I complete my degree in Tourism Management."**

**Classroom**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism

**University**

Tourism Management at Liverpool Hope University

**Joined us from**

Wade Deacon High School



**Connecting Classroom to Career**

# NEXT STEPS

So now it's all about you. After looking through this prospectus, you should start to get some kind of idea about what you would like to do once you have finished your GCSEs.

We have lots of events taking place so that you can explore your subject interests, chat to tutors and make your final decision.

Find out what comes next and the steps that you need to take, in order to secure your place at St Helens College.

**01**

## Open Event

Our students often say to us that they found an **Open Event** incredibly helpful. So take their advice and explore student life at St Helens College.

**02**

## Time To Choose

Once you've had a look through this prospectus and experienced an Open Event, you should have a clearer idea of what you want to study. If you are not sure, don't worry, we will provide lots of support and guidance to help you **make your decision**.

**03**

## Submit Your Application

Now it's time to make your application. Visit [www.sthelens.ac.uk/apply](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/apply) to **apply online!**

# 04

## Interview Event

Once you have submitted your application form, you will then need to attend an **Interview Event**. You will meet your tutors, find out more about what you will study and secure your place ready for September. Find out more at [www.sthelens.ac.uk/interview](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/interview).

# 05

## Experience Day

**Take Part in Experience Day** in July. You will have the opportunity to make new friends on your course, get involved in fun activities in your subject choice and meet the tutors.

# 06

## Enrolment

Once you have collected your GCSE results, come into College to **enrol on your course** and pick up any other information you might need such as financial support or help with your English and maths.

## Contact

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