



St Helens College

**2025** College 16+  
Course Guide



# OPEN EVENTS

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# Welcome

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



## St Helens College

We opened our doors over a century ago, and we've been nurturing minds and shaping futures ever since.

We've made significant investments in our campuses, ensuring you have everything you need for an immersive learning experience and although our campuses may be large, we ensure you feel part of our College community.

Regardless of your background, aspirations, or interests, we offer a variety of courses tailored to suit your learning style.

Whether you're interested in T Levels, technical courses, or apprenticeships, our courses are designed to help you achieve your dream career.

Our teaching experts bring a wealth of industry experience to the table, and our strong employer links bridge the gap between classroom and workshop learning and your future career.

Studying is just one part of your College experience! We want our students to leave us with more than just a qualification.

Our aim is for you to make unforgettable memories, forge lifelong friendships, and gain the confidence to excel in learning and in life. Imagine exciting trips abroad, hands-on work experience, networking with industry insiders, and showcasing your skills in competitions.

Wondering what makes St Helens College unique? Let us show you!



Click here to  
**explore  
our Student  
Experience  
Mini Guide!**

# How do you want to learn?

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

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

## Technical Courses

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

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

### One Course, Full-Time

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

### Excellent Progression

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

### Are you looking to study a technical course?

Click here to search our courses!



## Apprenticeships

### Do you want to earn while you learn?

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

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

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

### Are you looking for an apprenticeship?

Click here to find out more!



## T Levels

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

T Levels are two-year qualifications, designed by leading businesses and employers to give you a head start towards your career! They are an alternative to A levels, technical courses and apprenticeships and include a 45-day industry placement.

### 80% College 20% Placement

You'll spend 80% of your time in College and 20% on a 45-day placement with an employer, gaining amazing experience.

### 1 T Level = 3 A Levels

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

### Backed by Businesses

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



### Are you looking to study a T Level?

Click here to search our T Level courses!



# Finding *the right level of study for you!*

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

## Foundation Learning

For students who have no GCSEs, a low-grade profile, or may have missed a lot of school.

### Entry Requirements

You do not need any qualifications to join, just a desire to make a positive change in your life with a commitment to your studies.

### Progression

You can progress on to a full-time level 1 course.

## Level 1

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

### Qualifications at Level 1

- Technical Courses

### Entry Requirements

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

### Progression

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



## Level 2

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

### Qualifications at Level 2

- Technical Courses
- Apprenticeships

### Entry Requirements

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

### Progression

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



## Level 3

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

### Qualifications at Level 3

- Technical Courses
- Apprenticeships
- T Levels\*

### Entry Requirements

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

### Progression

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



\*Some T Level courses may have additional entry requirements.

# Work Experience



Achieving the right qualification is important, but it's not all that employers are looking for. They want someone who is work-ready and has the skills to hit the ground running.

Whether you choose to progress on to university, complete an apprenticeship, or jump right into employment, we're here to prepare you for your future career and help get you noticed.

That is why all our level 2 and level 3 study programmes require a minimum of 30 hours work-related experience.

Besides enhancing your CV, work placements offer an opportunity to explore your career goals and interests, meet new people, find what inspires you, develop your skills, and discover your strengths.

We encourage students to seek work experience independently and begin searching for opportunities as soon as they start their course in September.

If you're struggling to find a placement that aligns with your career goals, our dedicated team of Work Placement Officers will be available to support you.

I chose to study a T Level because of the work experience I would gain alongside the course. When I'm on placement, I'm exposed to the real world, not just learning within a classroom. This experience allows me to learn much more, preparing me for the industry. Since my time on placement, I have received recognition for my patient care from my employer at Whiston Hospital.

**Nimo**  
T Level Health Student



Computing and IT student, Mia completed her work placement with Livv Housing Group. After completing her placement, she has since secured an apprenticeship with them! Her employer gave her outstanding feedback:

**"Throughout her placement, Mia has seamlessly integrated with the Service Desk and wider IT team, showcasing positivity and a readiness to learn. Always eager to tackle new tasks, she works independently while remaining open to assistance when needed. Her approach to teamwork is commendable and I would strongly recommend her to future employers."**

Tony Craig  
Head of IT at Livv Housing Group



**Mia**  
Computing and IT student



# Foundation Learning



If you are aged between 16-18 years old, have faced difficulties in education before, or are uncertain about your future studies or career, Foundation Learning is an excellent starting point.

You will work towards achieving a level 1 employability qualification, alongside improving your English and maths skills with the opportunity to gain some work experience and sample some of our courses to find out what interests you.

## What you will gain from this programme:

- Increased confidence
- Employability skills
- English and maths skills
- Practical experience
- High level support

## Progression

At the end of your pathway, you will be ready to progress on to a full-time course at College.

**Click here to find out more!**



# Supported Internship



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

## How long does it last?

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

## The working week

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

## What are the benefits of completing this programme?

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



Terry



**Click here to find out more!**

# Inclusive Learning

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

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

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

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

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





# How to Apply to St Helens College

There are just a couple of steps to follow in preparation for joining us in September!



## Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP)

If you've received additional support in school and have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) in place, the College requires a copy of your up-to-date EHCP. You should contact your local authority to request this as soon as you apply to the College. Upon receipt of your plan, the College will conduct an assessment to determine if we can accommodate your needs. Please note that the College cannot fully process your application until we have received your EHCP from your local authority.

## Research Your Options

After having a look through this prospectus, you'll start getting a feel of what you might like to do after school. Check out [www.sthelens.ac.uk](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk) for further details about all of our courses.

# 1

## Attend an Open Event

This will help you make your final decision about what to do after school. You'll get to explore our amazing facilities, meet our expert tutors and current students and find out all there is to know about being a St Helens College student! For upcoming events, visit: [www.sthelens.ac.uk/openevents](http://www.sthelens.ac.uk/openevents)

## Submit Your Application

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

# 3

## Interview

Once your application has been processed, you will be invited in to College to attend an interview. Don't worry, this isn't as scary as it sounds. It's a chance for you to meet your tutors, find out more about what you want to study and ensure you are on a course that is suited to you.

# 4

## Keeping in Touch

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

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# 5

## Experience Day

This event is the perfect opportunity to get a feel for your chosen course, meet your future classmates, who'll be starting the same journey with you in September and find out what kit and equipment you might need. There's also lots of fun activities and free food!

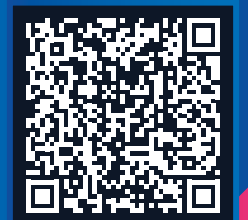
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## Enrol with Us

Once you have collected your GCSE results, you will need to come into College to enrol and secure your place. This is also a chance for you to pick up any information you might need such as financial support or help with your English and maths.

# 7

Click the QR code to apply!



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# Animal Management

## Subjects

Animal Care **L1 L2 L3**

**T-LEVEL**  
Animal Management and Behaviour

## Entry Requirements

- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths
- T** 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language, maths, and science

**Apprenticeships Available**



## Student Experience

Students benefited from the expertise of local Canine Behaviourists and Trainers, Jennie of Pet Help at Home, and Judith and Antje of Pawsitive Impact Dog Training. The students acquired valuable insight into dog behaviour, various positive training methods, and the effects of negative punishment.



## Technical • T Levels • Apprenticeships

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

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

- Compassionate and empathetic
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work independently and part of a team
- Ability to work under pressure
- Attention to detail



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

## Industry Links



## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Dog Handler**  
£16k - £30k

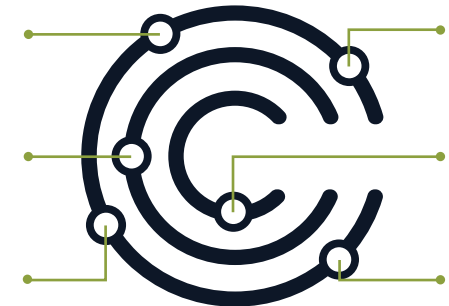
**Veterinary Physiotherapist**  
£24k - £38k

**Zoologist**  
£23k - £48k

**Veterinary Nurse**  
£20k - £31k

**Biologist**  
£24k - £40k

**Gamekeeper**  
£19k - £30k



\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 72 for details, July 2024

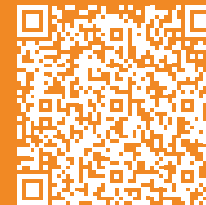
# Automotive

## Technical • Apprenticeships

With 38 million vehicles in the UK, the auto industry is so vast with lots of careers to choose from. Based in our Automotive Hub, you will develop your skills and knowledge, working on a range of vehicles in our MOT bay, learning from industry experienced tutors, who are Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) registered.

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

- Good technical skills
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work independently and part of a team
- Enjoy hands-on working
- Good problem-solving skills



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

### Industry Links

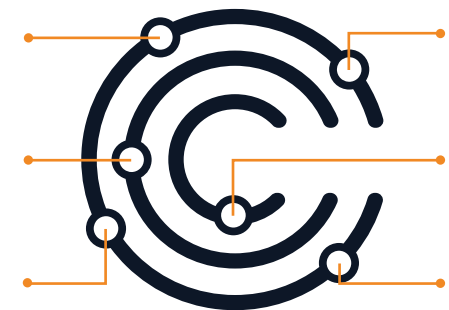


## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Automotive Engineer**  
£20k - £45k

**Auto Electrician**  
£23k - £38k

**Motorsport Engineer**  
£22k - £60k



**Motor Mechanic**  
£18k - £35k

**Garage Manager**  
£24k - £36k

**Car Manufacturing Worker**  
£15k - £25k

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 72 for details, July 2024

### Subjects

Automotive Maintenance **L1**

Vehicle Inspection **L2**

### Entry Requirements

- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths, and/or a relevant level 1 qualification

**Apprenticeships Available**



### Student Experience

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

# Business

Technical • T Levels • Apprenticeships

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

structures, to ensure you have what it takes to succeed.

**Key qualities for careers in this industry:**

- Good communication skills
- Good digital skills
- Reliable and presentable
- Confident
- Ability to multitask



[www.sthelen.ac.uk/business](http://www.sthelen.ac.uk/business)

## Industry Links



**Civil Service Administrative Officer**  
£22k - £29k

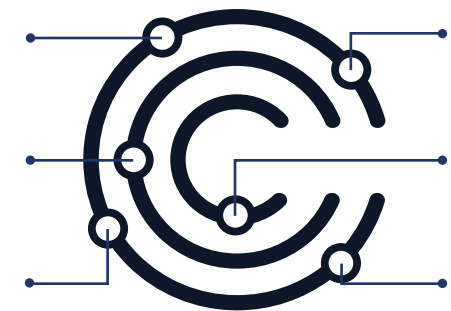
**Legal Secretary**  
£20k - £45k

**Supply Chain Manager**  
£24k - £48k

**Equalities Officer**  
£22k - £45k

**Investment Analyst**  
£22k - £65k

**Social Media Manager**  
£25k - £60k



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## Subjects

Business L1 L2 L3

## T-LEVEL T

Business Management and Administration (Business Support)

## Entry Requirements

- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths
- T** 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and maths

**Apprenticeships Available**



# Catering and Hospitality



## Subjects

Food Preparation and Cooking **L1 L2**

Professional Cookery **L2 L3**

Professional Food and Beverage Service **L2**

## Entry Requirements

- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths, and a level 2 professional cookery qualification

## Student Experience

Catering and Hospitality students collaborated with six Michelin-starred chefs, including James Holden, Ruth Hansom, Leigh Myers, Paul Askew, Gary Jones, and Paul Heathcote at Anfield Stadium. They prepared and served a five-course menu for the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts.



## Technical

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

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

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



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

## Industry Links

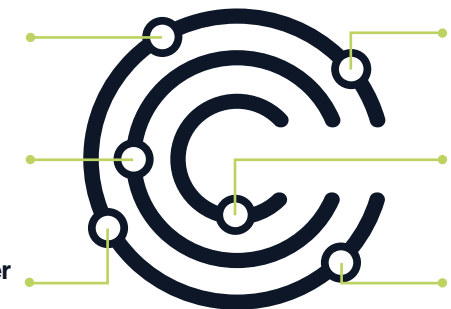


## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Restaurant Manager**  
£18k - £28k

**Sommelier**  
£20k - £35k

**Catering Manager**  
£18k - £30k



**Head Chef**  
£23k - £50k

**Hotel Manager**  
£20k - £60k

**Sous Chef**  
£22k - £30k

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# Alex

Inspiring  
**Restaurant Manager**

“

I recently had the honour of being nominated for the 'Young Person of the Year' at the Tourism Awards, and soon after this, I was also promoted to Restaurant Manager at The Art School. I am deeply grateful to my tutor, Barbara, who provided constant support throughout my studies. I am so proud of my journey since studying at College and excited for what is to come in my new role.

”

**Joined us from:** Geniko Lykio Soronis (Rhodes)

**Classroom:** Level 2 Food and Beverage Service

**Career:** Restaurant Manager at The Art School



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



# Creative Arts

## Technical • T Levels

Creative arts careers cover a range of disciplines, from arts and culture to design and media. Working in our specialist studio spaces such as the painting studio, colour and monochrome dark room and digital labs, you will have the opportunity to unleash your creativity and explore these disciplines in detail to help you decide which career path to take.

Are you interested in graphic design? You could study this as part of our Art and Design or Content Creation (Media) course!

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

- Creative and open mindset
- Ability to collaborate
- Resilient
- Self-motivated and disciplined



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

### Subjects

Art and Design **L1 L2 L3**

Content Creation (Media) **L2 L3**

Games and Animation **L3**

Photography **L2 L3**

### T-LEVEL

Media, Broadcast and Production  
(Content Creation and Production)

### Entry Requirements

- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths
- T** 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and maths

### Industry Links

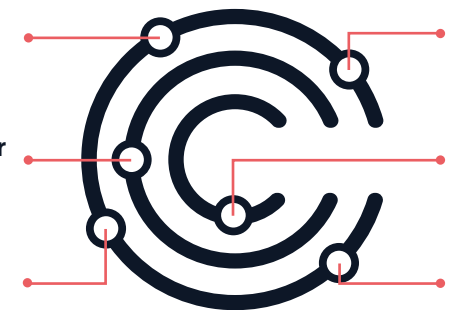


## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Art Therapist**  
£33k - £47k

**Graphic Designer**  
£18k - £35k

**Video Editor**  
£18k - £45k



**Games Developer**  
£25k - £70k

**Advertising Art Director**  
£18k - £45k

**Gallery Curator**  
£18k - £35k

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### Student Experience

Bauer Media's 'Creation Station' at Liverpool's Radio City Tower gave Creative Media students a rare broadcasting experience with a station tour, a UK commercial radio presentation, and a practical radio ad creation workshop, where students crafted a 40-second radio ad for Credit Unions.





# Student Work

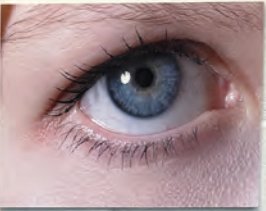


**Apollo**  
Level 3 Art and Design



**Freya**  
Level 3 Photography

**Daisy**  
Level 3 Photography



**Molly**  
Level 3 Games and Animation



**Level 2 Art and Design**

# Molly

Aspiring  
**Textile Designer**

“

The course has allowed me to focus on my passion for art and design and explore my creativity. My tutors were amazing and really welcoming. It's a big change going from high school to college, but it has really prepared me for entering the industry. I love working with fabrics and my dream job is to become a Textiles Designer.

”

**Joined us from:** The Prescott School  
**Classroom:** Level 3 Art and Design  
**University:** Fashion and Textiles Design  
at De Monfort University



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



## Subjects

Bricklaying **L1 L2**

Carpentry and Joinery **L1 L2**

Electrical Installation **L1 L2 L3**

Painting and Decorating **L1 L2**

Plastering **L1 L2 L3**

Plumbing **L1 L2 L3**

**T-LEVEL** **T**

Construction (Electrotechnical Engineering)

**T-LEVEL** **T**

Construction (Plumbing and Heating Engineering)

**T-LEVEL** **T**

Construction (Building Services Design)

## Entry Requirements

**L1** 3 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths

**L1** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths

**L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths and a relevant level 1 qualification

**L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and/or maths and a relevant level 1 qualification

**L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths and a relevant level 2 qualification

**T** 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language, maths, and science

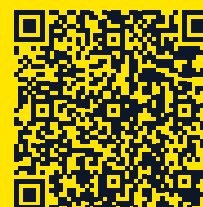
**T** 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and maths

**Apprenticeships Available**



# Construction

**Technical • T Levels • Apprenticeships**



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

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

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

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

## Industry Links



## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Quantity Surveyor**  
£25k - £80k

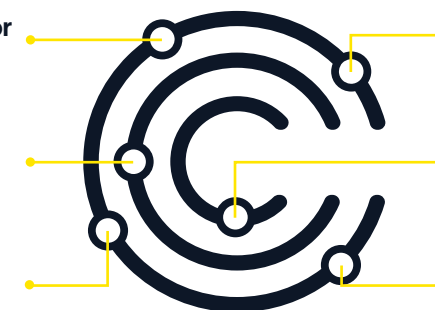
**Architect**  
£30k - £60k

**Bricklayer**  
£17k - £40k

**Electrician**  
£22k - £44k

**Construction Site Supervisor**  
£25k - £45k

**Heat Pump Engineer**  
£22k - £45k



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## Student Experience

The College proudly hosted the Northwest Regional HIP and SPARKS competitions at our Green Energy Skills Centre. Five students represented the College, impressing judges with their exceptional work. Among competitors from eight other colleges, apprentice, Kian, was named the SPARKS Winner!



# Kian

Inspiring  
**Electrician**

“

Winning the SPARKS Learner of the Year competition has been the highlight of my apprenticeship so far. With the support from my tutors, I was able to secure the win. I received incredible feedback from the judges, who commented that my work was the highest standard they had ever seen during the competition. This experience has boosted my confidence, and I can carry this forward in my apprenticeship.

”

**Joined us from:** Cowley International College

**Classroom:** Level 3 Electrical Installation Apprenticeship

**Career:** Electrical Installation Apprentice  
at MGH Electrical (UK) LTD

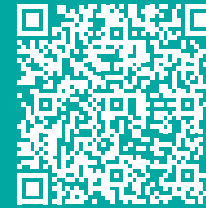


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# Digital and IT

Technical • T Levels • Apprenticeships



[www.sthelen.ac.uk/IT](http://www.sthelen.ac.uk/IT)

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

**Key qualities for careers in this industry:**

- Good communication skills
- Good digital skills
- Methodical approach to tasks
- Strong problem-solving skills
- Ability to manage several tasks at once

**Subjects**

Information and Digital Technology **L1 L2 L3**

**T-LEVEL**

Digital Production, Design and Development

**Entry Requirements**

- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths
- T** 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and maths

**Apprenticeships Available**



**Industry Links**



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**Cyber Intelligence Officer**  
£25k - £50k

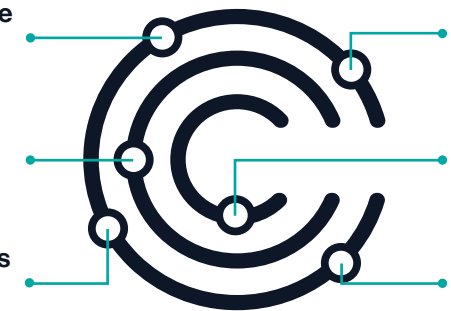
**Software Developer**  
£26k - £70k

**Computer Games Developer**  
£25k - £70k

**IT Service Technician**  
£22k - £33k

**IT Project Manager**  
£35k - £60k

**Social Media Manager**  
£25k - £60k



\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 72 for details, July 2024



**Student Experience**

Former IT students, Jamie and Tom, returned to the College to share their industry experience with students. Jamie, a Senior Engineer at Shaping Cloud, and Tom, a Senior Administrator at Beyond Trust, both credited their College experience for providing the industry-ready skills that propelled their success.

# Ben

Inspiring  
**Information Security Analyst**

“

My course provided a strong foundation for university study, and thanks to the excellent teaching and support I received, I was awarded a Scholarship for Academic Excellence due to the high grades I earned at College. I have since graduated with First Class Honours from Liverpool John Moores University and received the Programme Leader's Award for Computer Forensics!

”

**Joined us from:** Launchpad Centre

**University:** Computer Forensics at John Moores University

**Classroom:** Level 3 Information and Digital Technology

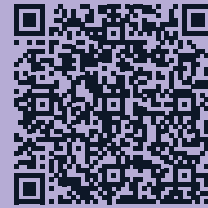


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# Early Years

Technical • T Levels • Apprenticeships



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

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

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

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

### Subjects

Early Years L1 L2

**T-LEVEL** T  
Early Years Educator

### Entry Requirements

- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English language and maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English language and maths
- T** 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and maths

**Apprenticeships Available**



### Industry Links



Never less than our best

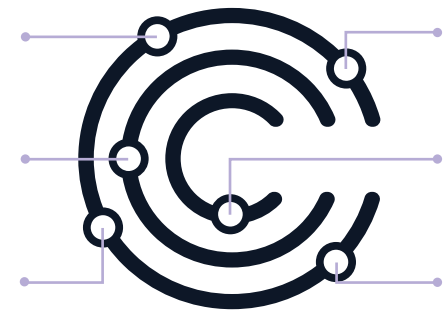


## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Early Years Teacher**  
£30k - £47k

**Youth Worker**  
£18k - £33k

**Health Play Specialist**  
£22k - £31k



**Nursery Worker**  
£14k - £23k

**Child Protection Officer**  
£25k - £40k

**Nursery Manager**  
£23k - £35k

\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 72 for details, July 2024

### Student Experience



Students went on a trip to a local forest to experience and learn about the benefits of Forest Schools to children's learning and development. They were able to implement ideas for play such as building dens and identify various types of nature and wildlife!

# Engineering

Technical • T Levels • Apprenticeships

The UK is a global leader in engineering, with a broad range of specialties from aerospace and renewable energy to manufacturing. Based at our STEM Centre Campus, you will have access to specialist industry workshops including our £1m Centre for Precision Engineering, equipped with the latest Wi-Fi enabled Haas CNC Machines, Milling Machines and Haas Simulators!

- Key qualities for careers in this industry:**
- Methodical approach to tasks
  - Good maths skills
  - Ability to work independently and part of a team
  - Good communication skills
  - Strong problem-solving skills



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

## Subjects

Engineering **L1 L3**

Electrical Engineering **L2**

Mechanical Engineering **L2**

**T-LEVEL**  
Engineering (Mechanical) **T**

## Entry Requirements

- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths
- T** 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and science and a grade 5 in maths

**Apprenticeships Available**



## Industry Links



## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Mechanical Engineer**  
£26k - £52k

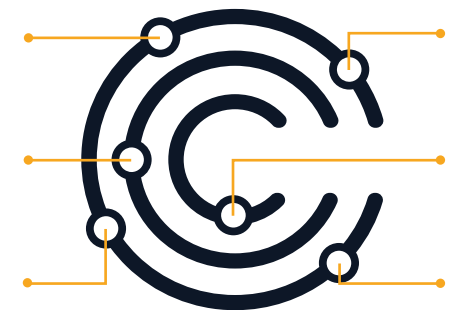
**Electrical Engineer**  
£27k - £58k

**Marine Engineer**  
£24k - £55k

**CAD Technician**  
£17k - £35k

**Welder**  
£25k - £45k

**Design and Development Engineer**  
£25k - £55k



\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 72 for details, July 2024

## Student Experience

Engineering students toured the new Glass Futures site in St Helens, guided by a lead engineer. They learned about the research and development Glass Futures is undertaking, and how this will transform the industry, aiding its shift towards a more sustainable future.





# Madison

Aspiring  
**Mechanical Engineer**

“

I've thoroughly enjoyed my time on the course. It offers a good mix of hands-on activity in the workshops and classroom-based work. I now feel ready to progress to degree-level study, and I am looking forward to starting my degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Salford, and hopefully a masters after this too!

”

**Joined us from:** Hope Academy

**Classroom:** Level 3 Engineering

**University:** Mechanical Engineering at University of Salford



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# Hairdressing and Beauty

## Subjects

Hair and Beauty	L1
Hair and Makeup	L2
Beauty Therapy	L2 L3
Hairdressing	L2 L3
Makeup Artistry	L3
Nail Technology	L3

## Entry Requirements

- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths, and a relevant level 2 qualification

**Apprenticeships Available**



## Student Experience

We were named 'Best College in the Northwest' at the Association of Hairdressers and Therapists (AHT) Northwest Competition in Blackpool. 25 students from our Hairdressing, Beauty and Nails courses proudly represented the College, competing across 22 categories!

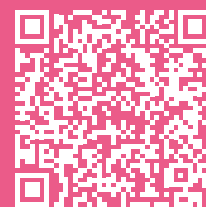


## Technical • Apprenticeships

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

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

- Good communication skills
- Creative mindset
- Active listening
- Good interpersonal skills
- Excellent time management skills
- Excellent organisational skills



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

## Industry Links



## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Hairdresser**  
£19k - £30k

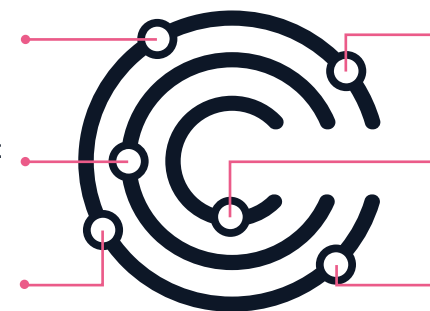
**Beauty Therapist**  
£16k - £25k

**Aesthetician**  
£22k - £43k

**Beauty Consultant**  
£14k - £25k

**Nail Technician**  
£15k - £22k

**Salon Manager**  
£17k - £29k



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# Kiera

Aspiring  
**Spa Therapist**

“

I've thoroughly enjoyed my course, especially enhancing my skills in facial and massage treatments. Having now completed my course, I'm progressing on to Nail Technology to broaden my skill set and improve my job prospects. I would love to secure employment within a spa setting as a Spa Therapist.

”

**Joined us from:** Cowley International College

**Classroom:** Level 3 Beauty Therapy

**Career:** Aspiring Spa Therapist



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# Health and Social Care

## Subjects

Health and Social Care **L1 L2 L3**

## T-LEVEL

Health (Supporting the Adult Nursing Team)

## Entry Requirements

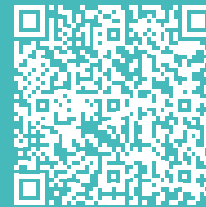
- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths
- T** 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language, maths, and science

**Apprenticeships Available**



## Student Experience

T Level students gained practical nursing experience in our Hospital Simulation Ward, guided by Miriam, a Senior Lecturer and certified Children's Nurse from Liverpool John Moores University. Their training focused on vital skills such as phlebotomy and Aseptic Non-Touch Techniques (ANTT) for infection prevention.



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

## Technical • Apprenticeships • T Levels

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

physiological measurement machines and an AED simulator!

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

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

## Industry Links



## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Healthcare Assistant**  
£22k - £28k

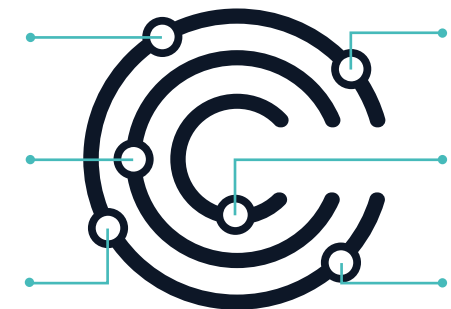
**Palliative Care Assistant**  
£22k - £28k

**Midwife**  
£28k - £50k

**Paramedic**  
£28k - £43k

**District Nurse**  
£28k - £43k

**Occupational Therapist**  
£28k - £50k



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# Lexine

Aspiring  
**Paramedic**

“

I completed a placement with the Northwest Ambulance Service alongside my course, and it provided me with invaluable practice and knowledge within the profession I plan to enter. After working as a Paramedic for a few years to develop my experience and skill set, I intend to join the Hazardous Area Response Team (HART).

”

**Joined us from:** Canon Slade High School (Bolton)

**Classroom:** Level 3 Health and Social Care

**University:** Paramedic Science at University of West England



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# Music and Performing Arts



## Subjects

Performing and Production Arts (UAL)

L2 L3

Music Performance and Production (UAL)

L2 L3

## Entry Requirements

**L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths

**L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths

## Student Experience

Students had a magical night at The Liverpool Empire to watch Wizard of Oz - The Musical! After the curtain fell, they got the chance to go backstage and meet the incredible, The Vivienne from RuPaul's Drag Race, and Aston Merrygold from JLS.



## Technical

Whether you are on stage performing, behind-the-scenes working on set design, or producing your own music, you will be challenged and trained in our incredible facilities such as our theatre, dance studio, recording studio and editing suites, to enable you to compete with the very best in the industry.

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

- Creative and open mindset
- Good communication skills
- Ability to collaborate
- Self-motivated and disciplined
- Resilient



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

## Industry Links



## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Actor/Actress**  
£15k - £100k

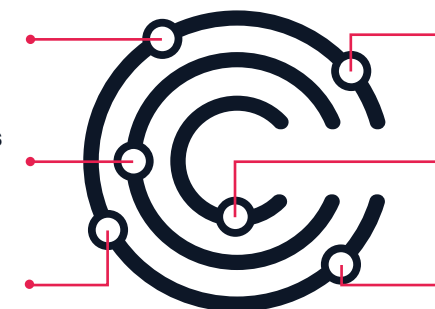
**Community Arts Worker**  
£19k - £29k

**Live Sound Engineer**  
£25k - £40k

**Musical Theatre Director**  
£33k - £37k

**Music Therapist**  
£35k - £50k

**Roadie**  
£18k - £37k



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# Public and Uniformed Services



## Subjects

Entry to Uniformed Services **L1 L2 L3**

## Entry Requirements

- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths

## Student Experience

Students ventured to the Farmer Strong Outdoor Training Facility in Bolton's countryside, owned and run by Team GB Wrestler, Charlie Bowling. The unique workout session tested their grit, determination, and teamwork, embodying Farmer Strong's mission to instil a sense of accomplishment and to exceed their potential.



## Technical

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

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

- Good level of physical fitness
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work calmly under pressure
- Good problem-solving skills
- Ability to work independently and part of a team



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

## Industry Links

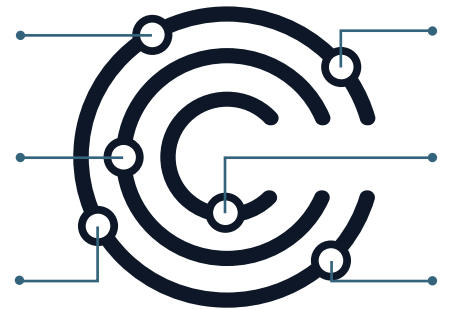


## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Police Officer**  
£19k - £41k

**Civil Service Manager**  
£27k - £68k

**Artillery Officer**  
£31k - £37k



**Royal Marines Officer**  
£31k - £110k

**Army Dog Handler**  
£18k - £23k

**RAF Air Operations (Systems) Officer**  
£31k - £47k

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# Katy

Aspiring  
**Police Officer**

“

I am incredibly happy with my Distinction grade, which will help me pursue my dream of joining the Police. The tutors balanced our student experience well, making it fun and exciting, yet ensuring we completed our work. I am now joining the Police as a Special Constable working towards my future goal of becoming a Police Officer.

”

**Joined us from:** Hope Academy

**Classroom:** Level 3 Public and Uniformed Services

**Career:** Aspiring Police Officer



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# Science

## Technical • T Levels • Apprenticeships

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

conducting experiments and gaining practical skills.

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

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



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

## Industry Links

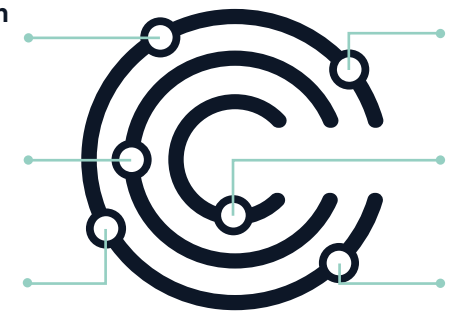


## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Forensic Collision Investigator**  
£20k - £40k

**Pharmacologist**  
£27k - £55k

**Biomedical Scientist**  
£27k - £55k



**Clinical Scientist**  
£35k - £68k

**Nutritionist**  
£28k - £43k

**Microbiologist**  
£23k - £45k

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## Subjects

Applied Science **L2 L3**

**T-LEVEL** **T**

Science (Laboratory Sciences)

## Entry Requirements

- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths
- T** 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language, maths and science

**Apprenticeships Available**



## Student Experience

Students took part in interactive workshops at our annual Healthcare Science Skills Show with organisations such as St Helens and Whiston Hospitals, Alder Hey, Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital and Medical Mavericks. The event gave them a first-hand insight into the many career opportunities available in the industry.

# Niamh

Aspiring  
**Orthodontist**

“

My fascination with dentistry started from a young age, after lots of visits to the dentist and seeing the amazing difference they make to people's health and in most cases, wellbeing. My dream is to become an Orthodontist and I am so happy to have achieved D\*D\*D\*, as it has secured my place at university.

”

**Joined us from:** St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School (Ashton)

**Classroom:** Level 3 Applied Science

**University:** Dentistry at University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)



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# Sport and Fitness

## Technical

Sport is a collaborative industry that creates a powerful platform to inspire and bring about lasting positive change for individuals and communities. Your classroom will be our state-of-the-art gym, exercise studio, sports therapy suite and outdoor facilities, not to mention plenty of opportunities to take part in adventurous activities.

We even have our own football team!

### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

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



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

## Subjects

Sport

L1 L2 L3

## Entry Requirements

- L1 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths

## Student Experience

Students attended Edge Hill University's Taster Days to gain valuable insight into their sports programmes. The students actively engaged with the sports coaching department by participating in coaching sessions and sports rehabilitation lectures and sports science seminars.

## Industry Links



## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Physiotherapist**  
£28k - £50k

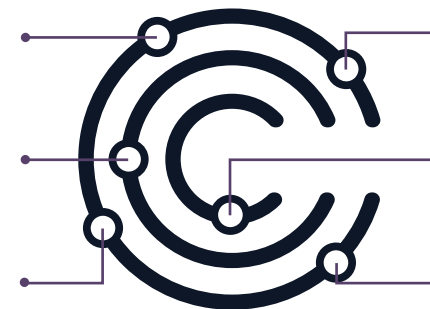
**Performance Sports Scientist**  
£20k - £60k

**Sports Development Officer**  
£18k - £30k

**Nutritionist**  
£28k - £43k

**PE Teacher**  
£30k - £47k

**Youth and Community Coach**  
£22k - £28k



\*Salary data collected from various sources, see page 72 for details, July 2024

# Maddi

Aspiring  
**Sports Teacher**

“

I love sport and play a lot of cricket in my spare time, so I hope to be able to turn this into a career. I have enjoyed the physical aspect of my course and my tutors have been incredibly supportive. They even got stuck into some of the fitness activities with us! I am looking forward to starting the next step in my journey towards becoming a Sports Teacher.

”

**Joined us from:** St Cuthbert's Catholic High School

**Classroom:** Level 3 Sport

**University:** Physical Education in School Sport at Edge Hill University



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**I've gained a  
place at**



**Edge Hill  
University**

# Travel and Tourism



### Subjects

- Cabin Crew 18+ L2

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- Aviation L2 L3

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- Travel and Tourism L1 L2 L3

### Entry Requirements

- L1** 2 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and/or maths
- L2** 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths
- L3** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths
- 18+** You will need to be aged 18 upon completion of this course



### Student Experience

Cabin Crew, Aviation, and Travel and Tourism students had practical training at Manchester's Skypeople Training Academy. They mastered Boeing and Airbus door operations, navigated smoke-filled cabins, extinguished locker and oven fires, and experienced a 25ft slide evacuation simulation.

### Technical

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

standards expected in industry.

#### Key qualities for careers in this industry:

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



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

### Industry Links



## Connecting Classroom to Career

**Aircraft Pilot**  
£24k - £110k

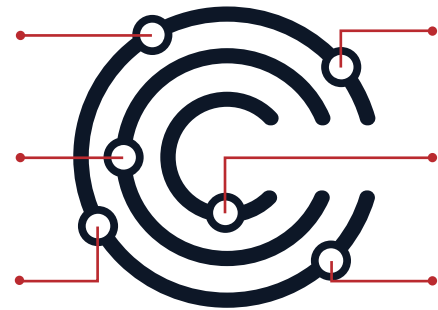
**Cabin Crew**  
£15k - £30k

**Events Manager**  
£21k - £40k

**Airline Customer Service Agent**  
£15k - £25k

**Travel Agency Manager**  
£20k - £50k

**Marketing Executive**  
£20k - £50k



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You may be aware that there are some qualification changes taking place in the education sector around T Levels and BTECs, and although we have done our very best to ensure the information in this guide is correct at the time of going to print, there could be some further changes between now and September 2025. Please visit our website for the most up to date information.

We do reserve the right to amend, remove and add courses and entry criteria in the future. This guide cannot be considered contractual and we accept no liability for inaccurate statements. Careers information has been taken from sources including National Careers Service, Labour Market Information (LMI), Liverpool Enterprise Partnership, Prospects and U-Explore.

# OPEN EVENTS

## 2024

Wednesday 9th October | **5pm-7pm**

Wednesday 13th November | **5pm-7pm**

## 2025

Wednesday 29th January | **5pm-7pm**

Wednesday 12th March | **5pm-7pm**



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