



St Helens College



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GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AGED 16-18

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GETTING TO ST HELENS COLLEGE

This travel guide is designed to give you detailed information on transport options in and around St Helens and the wider Merseyside region, which will make your journey to and from St Helens College quicker, easier and more accessible.

We have fantastic public transport links right on our doorstep. Our Town Centre Campus, STEM Centre, Technology Campus, and Green Energy Skills Centre are all just a 10-minute walk from the Town Centre bus and train stations, providing connections to routes across Cheshire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, and Lancashire.

By Bus

We provide a FREE* Merseytravel Solo 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.

Your bus pass will be available to collect on the first day of term. To receive this, please ensure you bring along your completed bursary form which will have been given to you at enrolment.

If you are unable to travel using an Merseytravel Solo pass, you may receive assistance towards the cost of alternative travel.



Plan your bus route to
St Helens College:

www.merseytravel.gov.uk



Plan your train route to
St Helens College:

www.nationalrail.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

It is located approximately 10 minutes' walk from the Town Centre Campus and less than 10 minutes' walk away from the STEM Centre Technology Campus and Green Energy Skills Centre.

These services also stop at popular stations en route, including Huyton, Prescott, Roby, Thatto Heath, Eccleston Park, Garswood and Bryn.

A taxi rank is located outside of the station and sheltered cycle storage facilities are available.

To plan your train route to St Helens College, visit www.nationalrail.co.uk.

* For further details please see our Student Support Funds Policy, which can be found on our College website.

WALKING, CYCLING AND DRIVING

Walking

All of St Helens College's campuses are located within walking distance of the town centre.

Students living in surrounding areas, such as West Park, Denton's Green, Haresfinch, Merton Bank and Parr can enjoy a short walk to College, while those using the train or bus for part of their journey are only a short distance away from College.

Cycling

St Helens College provides several sheltered cycle spaces across all campuses. Cycle lanes and cycle paths are also available in the area.

Please ensure that you bring a lock for your bicycle if you plan to cycle to College and only store your bicycle in the designated sheltered spaces.*

Driving

Student parking is NOT available at St Helens College's Town Centre Campus and a parking eye system is in operation. Those parking on the car park without a permit will receive a fine. The closest public car park is North John Street Car Park, a pay and display car park directly opposite the Town Centre Campus.

Students at the STEM Centre Technology Campus can park on the main car park at the back of the campus, where parking is available on a first come, first served basis. You will need to ensure that you submit your car registration number at reception every time you park.*

Parking at the Green Energy Skills Centre is limited. The campus is located in a busy residential area, so parking is only permitted in the designated spaces directly outside the campus. Please do not park in front of residential addresses.

Disabled parking is available for blue badge holders at both the Town Centre and STEM Centre campuses.

Students will need to see Student Services to obtain an additional permit before being able to park in disabled bays.

*St Helens College cannot accept any liability for vehicles, bicycles or contents left on the College premises and car park at either campus.



GETTING TO KNOWSLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This travel guide is designed to give you information on transport options in and around Knowsley, Liverpool and the wider Merseyside region, which will make your journey to and from Knowsley Community College quicker, easier and more accessible.

We have fantastic bus transport links with our Main Campus and IAMTech campus being easily accessible, with routes from Liverpool City Centre and all Knowsley areas.

By Bus

We provide a FREE* Merseytravel Solo 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 Knowsley Community College students, on a full-time course.

Your bus pass will be available to collect on the first day of term. To receive this, please ensure you bring along your completed bursary form. You will receive this when you come into College to enrol.

If you are unable to travel using an Merseytravel Solo pass, you may receive assistance towards the cost of alternative travel.



Plan your bus route to
Knowsley Community College:

www.merseytravel.gov.uk



Plan your train route to
Knowsley Community College

www.nationalrail.co.uk

By Train

Knowsley Community College is a short bus ride from Huyton train station which is located in the heart of Huyton Town Centre, providing regular services to and from Liverpool, Knowsley, and St Helens.

LIVERPOOL 12 MINUTES

WAVERTREE 4 MINUTES

ST HELENS 7 MINUTES

These services also stop at stations en route including Wavertree, Broadgreen, Prescot, Roby, Eccleston Park Whiston and St Helens.

To plan your train route to Knowsley Community College, visit : www.nationalrail.co.uk.

WALKING, CYCLING AND DRIVING

Walking

Both of Knowsley Community College's campuses are located within a busy residential area. Students living in surrounding areas, such as Stockbridge Village, Page Moss and Longview can enjoy a short walk to College, while those using the train or bus for part of their journey are only a short distance away from College.

Cycling

Knowsley Community College provides several sheltered cycle spaces across both the Main Campus and IAMTech Campus. Both campuses, less than 10 minutes apart, are easily accessible to those living within the Knowsley and Liverpool areas. Cycle lanes and cycle paths are also available in the area.

Please ensure that you bring a lock for your bicycle if you plan to cycle to College and only store your bicycle in the designated sheltered spaces.*

Driving

Student parking is available at Knowsley Community College's Main Campus and IAMTech Campus. Parking is available on a first come, first served basis.*Disabled parking is available for blue badge holders at both campuses.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From free breakfast to bursaries, we have a wide range of student benefits and financial support packages to ensure that you can make the most out of your student experience.

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

Free Course Fees

ALL full-time students are entitled to free tuition, examination and registration fees.

Free Breakfast

ALL of our students can get a free breakfast! Enjoy free toast, cereal or porridge, and a hot drink or a cold drink (from a selection of juice or water) from 8.00am – 8.50am every weekday.

Free Microsoft Office 365 Package

ALL of our students get full access to Office 365 completely free of charge.

Student Discounts and TOTUM Membership

You will have access to a range of exclusive offers and discounts from retailers including Saints, Everton FC, OD's Designer Clothing and more. You can also apply for a TOTUM student discount card which gives you access to nationwide discounts, promotions and competitions.

You may also be entitled to additional financial help including:

Vulnerable Bursary of up to £1,200 per year

You may be entitled to this if you are in care (this includes unaccompanied asylum seeking young people), are a care leaver, receive Income Support or Universal Credit (due to financially supporting yourself and anyone dependant on you, and living with you, such as a child or partner), or receive Disability Living Allowance (or the new Personal Independence Payments) and receive Employment Support Allowance (ESA) in your own right.

General Bursary

Depending on the requirements of your course, you could get financial help with essential equipment, uniform, trips and travel. This is dependant on whether:

- Your parents/guardians receive Means Tested Benefits.**
- Your parents/guardians earn less than £44,000 per year.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Free College Lunch

You may be entitled to a free lunch at any of the catering outlets. This is on every day you are timetabled to attend College. This is dependant on whether:

- Your parents/guardians receive Means Tested Benefits.**
- Your parents/guardians earn less than £44,000 per year.

Free Travel

We provide a FREE* Merseytravel bus pass for the whole academic year, which you can use every weekday during term time, including evenings.

Free Childcare

If you are a young parent under the age of 20 years and you are the main carer for your child, you may be entitled to help with the cost of childcare via the Care to Learn Scheme.

See www.gov.uk/care-to-learn for further details or contact our **Student Finance Manager** on: **01744 623238** (St Helens College) and **0151 477 5872** (Knowsley Community College).

We also have an Ofsted 'Outstanding' registered nursery based at our St Helens College, Town Centre Campus. This nursery is available for students who have childcare needs while studying at St Helens College, offering full day care for babies, toddlers and children from birth up to 5 years old.

In order to apply for additional financial help, you will need to complete the 'Bursary Form' which you will collect with your enrolment paperwork when you come into College. Your parent/guardian will need to help you to complete this once you have enrolled and become a student – you should submit the 'Bursary Form' to Reception as soon as you can.

For help in determining whether you are eligible for financial support, we have a dedicated Student Finance Manager at College that can help. Contact **01744 623238 (St Helens College)** or **0151 477 5850 (Knowsley Community College)** we can arrange an appointment for you at an enrolment event.

Please note that terms, conditions and exclusions apply. This information is updated regularly, but we cannot guarantee that the detail will remain accurate, as Government policy often requires changes to how we operate.

** Financial support for the General Bursary and free college lunch is subject to household earnings not exceeding £44,000 or being in receipt of Means Tested Benefits which includes; Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Universal Credit or support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

**If you have any questions about
Travelling to College or Financial Support,
you can contact our team on:**

**financialsupport@sthelens.ac.uk
01744 733766**

**financialsupport@knowsleycollege.ac.uk
0151 477 5850**



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