

St Helens College



St Helens College is made up of three campuses- Brook Street Campus, Technology Campus and Newton Campus. It offers a variety of learning opportunities using state of the art resources and facilities.

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St Helens College: Leading the way on the new Engineering Diploma



Students in the Motor Vehicle work shop at St Helens College

St Helens College has joined together with other learning providers in Merseyside to develop a new Engineering Diploma programme for 14 to 19 year olds. The Diploma is to be launched in September 2008 at the College's new £3.8 million

Vocational Skills Centre. Consortium leader Jon Mitchell from the College states; "The new diploma will complement our apprenticeship programme which the college delivers for a number of clients including Jaguar Land Rover, Pilkingtons, and a large number of SMEs in the area. The apprenticeship scheme includes full time study in various skills, including mechanical production/maintenance, electrical and electronic, fabrication and welding, process and CNC. The practical work undertaken is covered by Performing Engineering Operations Level 2 and they study key skills and a technical certificate alongside."

St Helens & Color Matrix

Case Study



Color Matrix Europe Limited employs over 135 people at its operations in Merseyside. It specialises in the manufacturing of colorants and additives that are used in the polymer industry for products such as bottles, car parts and plastic mouldings.

As with many manufacturers Color Matrix faced the challenge of having to reduce costs and lead times whilst consistently meeting high quality standards.

St Helens College has been working with Color Matrix to broaden the role of Team Leaders so they can undertake greater responsibilities and engage with their team more effectively.

To achieve this the college has supported the Team Leaders through its Business Improvements Techniques National Vocational Qualification (BIT - NVQ).

Since doing this qualification with St Helens College the company has experienced profound results.

In particular the qualification has helped to:

- Support the new operations management structure in terms of achievement of targets, communication, and working culture.
- Bring a strategic focus to health and safety and a 28% increase in internal health and safety key performance indicators within three months.
- Enable operations managers to drive performance targets through a structured communication approach.
- Increase efficiency, organisation and housekeeping through the implementation of a 5 S system.
- Reinforce the deployment of visual management systems in the production schedule and communications boards.

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