Music and Performing Arts

Students participate in an extensive programme of performances, showcase events, work experience and enrichment. Assignment and project work includes creative sector scenarios enabling students to develop problem solving skills and focus on specific and detailed skills development.

Progression opportunities have been further improved through collaborative work with Salford University, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool Hope University, SoundCity, VocalBooth, Apple, and Roland UK.

Media, Journalism and Production

Students across all courses participate in live projects, exhibit their work and take part in competitions to develop their portfolio and enhance employability skills. Courses in media and photography take on work for external clients.

Event Management students have successfully organised and delivered to a professional standard many events including, Anuj Bidve Vigil (Manchester), Wedding Fair (at the Palm House), Diversity Day (cross College event). The impact on individuals is evidenced in focus group notes and student satisfaction surveys as well as in the portfolio of evidence that students are able to take with them to interview for university and employment.

There are good progression pathways directly into industry. For example, the Extended Diploma in Photography saw 15 out of 28 students progress directly into work in photography or related work.

City6

The City
of Liverpool
College

Humanities and Modern Languages

Students have the opportunity to engage in a number of projects which this year have included study visits to the university libraries and attending university talks. There have been GCSE field trip in History and Geography, which were well attended and supported learning. Further activities are planned for the summer for AS students including local government offices with an employability agenda to examine potential career paths and possible work experience placements. Work experience placements are planned for L1 students in the summer term.

English and Arts

Students have had the opportunity to take part in a range of enrichment opportunities throughout the year. These include a tour of St Georges Hall, which gave the students a greater awareness and understanding of legal issues underpinning the play 'Murmuring Judges', studied at AS Literature, A2 Literature. Language students attended the British Library Georgian England workshop event, which improved the student's contextual insight, particularly on language change. Regular theatre and gallery study visits, as well as study visits to FACT have also taken place to broaden the students understanding of their subjects and raise aspirations.

Maths and Science

Students have taken part in subject specific enrichment activities such as a visit to Jodrell Bank, Young Analyst Competition at University of Liverpool, a 'succession' study at Ainsdale Beach and Maths Inspiration Show.

Social Sciences, Business and ICT

Students have participated in a variety of study visits related to the work environment such as Houses of Parliament and Supreme Court for A2 Law students. Guest speakers from Hill Dickinson Solicitors, University of Law and CILEx have presented to AS Law students. Further study visits were organised to Magistrates and Crown Court for GCSE and AS Law students, as well as Cadbury's World for Business and ICT students.

Service Industries

The City of Liverpool College

Hair and Beauty

All Hairdressing students are given the opportunity to enhance their skills in a real life working environment in the commercial salon which is fully equipped to industry standards. This environment provides learners with the opportunity to improve their timings for treatments, customer care and communications skills. Level 2 and 3 Beauty Therapy students are all trained with Dermalogica treatments and products to allow learners to develop selling techniques using a recognised product and to introduce new techniques when performing facial and body treatments. Students receive certification for this training.

Work experience has now been introduced as part of study programmes across the school. Excellent feedback has been received from employers to date on the students' performance and professionalism when in salons. This has now led to a number of students recruited to part-time employment whilst at college following placements - six beauty students to date have been taken on by the salon owner and five hairdressing students. We have also been offered opportunities for apprenticeships from these work experiences with three Hairdressing students, one Barber and two Beauty students offered apprenticeships for their next level of study. It is expected that as still more students go out on work experience these numbers could increase. Dobbies Garden Centre - Level 2 Hair and Beauty students carrying out mini treatments to help develop their employability and social skills as well as supporting the community.

In house training with Francesco - Level 1 and 2 Hairdressing students attended this session to enhance their knowledge and understanding of various styling techniques. This training also helped to reinforce industry expectations in the commercial salons. Wella training centre Manchester - Level 2 and 3 Hairdressing students attended this event to develop more awareness of the importance of product knowledge and styling techniques.

Dermalogica training - All students currently studying Level 2 and 3 Beauty therapy have attended training with Dermalogica to develop their knowledge of products and treatments available as well as retail techniques.

'Come Dine with Me' Halloween show - Level 3 Theatrical Make-up held a Halloween event in the 'bombed out church' (St Luke's Church, Liverpool city centre) which was open to the public. This event helped the students to develop their Maths skills through managing of tickets sales, communication skills through promotional events and social skills through dealing with the public. It also provided lots of fun for the learners when seeing the reaction from the public, helping to engage them with their course of study.

Hospitality, Sport and Travel

The City of Liverpool College

Hospitality, Sport and Travel

Many students are working towards gaining useful additional qualifications and have undertaken beneficial work experience placements. They are well prepared for progression to employment and are developing a thorough understanding of career and progression opportunities. Students develop a strong work ethic that is promoted by tutors in a professional and productive learning environment.

Katy Jones the current five live Radio Producer came in to talk to Sport students, regarding her own upbringing relating it to students in a similar socio-economic backgrounds. Katy has offered work experience at Media City Salford for Level 1 Sport.

An organised outdoor 3 day residential at Waterpark Lake District encourage students to bond together as a team, created friendships and confidence among the classes and create opportunities for students to lead on activities relating to their subject area.

Catering L2/L3 and apprentices designed, organised and managed a Foraging evening in the restaurant. Students managed the menu, costing, bookings, cooking and serving of all the food.

Level 3 Cookery student has just completed a job trial in February half term in a restaurant called Inn on the Lake, 2 rosette star restaurant in the Lake District- successful start date employment July 14.

The Catering department bid for a commercial opportunity with a very large company Laing O' Rourke. The College was successful and we now run an on-site catering for all their working staff for the next 2 years while they build the new hospital. The College has employed two apprentices and a level 3 student who had just completed her course. Level 1 and 2 students have been given the opportunity to use the venue for work experience. The impact has been very positive, this has enabled students to experience the different types of employability options within the catering business.

St George's Hall Café which is run by employed 2 College apprentices and catering students from Level 1/2. We deliver a small service 7 days a week, creating real understanding of work life.

Health and Social Care

Students have a good understanding of the careers and progression opportunities available to them and gain good employability and workplace skills during their programmes, especially those studying Early Years and Play Work or the new National Health Service linked Health and Social Care programme.

There are strong links with numerous employers who are happy to receive students on highly relevant work placements and often request additional days from students to support study trips and visits for children. Many students subsequently find employment with their placement provider at the end of their programmes.

Community Learning

Employability is embedded within the maths and English delivery and is central to many of our students' desires to improve their skills. All ESOL learners are provided with a package of qualifications which always includes Employability, Personal and Social Development. This provides them with the opportunities to further develop their language skills in 'life skills' settings.

Students have visited the Walker Art Gallery and produced written work describing their experience.

The majority of ESOL learners have benefitted from group and one to one meetings with the Careers Service allowing them the opportunity to discuss their future plans and ensure they take the correct steps towards achieving them.