## **Sarah Cowley Educational Trust**

We are writing to remind you about the existence of the Sarah Cowley Educational Foundation, which assists eligible young people with their education or training.

The purpose of this Scheme and the criteria under which an application can be made is clearly detailed on the application form, a copy of which is attached. In summary, applications are typically considered for items such as equipment, tools, instruments, books, travel and clothing which are required to support attendance at University and Further Education institutions or to assist entry into some trade, profession or calling from young people aged between 16 and 24 years of age who are resident in the Borough of St Helens.

The Sarah Cowley Committee has requested that you make students who you consider may be eligible to apply for, and benefit from, an award of this nature aware of this Trust. We would however like to take this opportunity to stress that only a very limited amount of funding is available for distribution and whilst applications are welcome from all eligible young people, the Committee are particularly keen to encourage applications from those who have experienced a background of significant financial hardship. It is a requirement of the application process that details of parental, guardian or spouse's income must be declared.

The next meeting of the Sarah Cowley Committee is scheduled for Thursday 20th November 2025. Applications must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 for consideration at the meeting.

A copy of the application form can be obtained from the St Helens Council website <a href="https://www.sthelens.gov.uk">www.sthelens.gov.uk</a> and typing "Sarah Cowley" in the search engine box, by visiting the page direct at the following address: <a href="https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/2910/Sarah-Cowley-Educational-Foundation/">https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/2910/Sarah-Cowley-Educational-Foundation/</a> or by contacting the finance team so they can arrange for the application form to be sent out.