

## SAVE THE DATES



### Parent's Evening (virtual)

**Tuesday 14th March 4:30pm - 8:00pm**

Appointment bookings will open on Monday 27th February. To book, [click here](#).

### College Closure and No Classes Dates 2023

Please be aware that our Warrington and Winsford campuses will be **closed** for staff development and **no classes will be running** for GCSE Exams on the following dates:

**Thursday 30th March** (staff development day)

**Tuesday 9th May** (staff development day)

**Thursday 6th July** (staff development day)

**Friday 19th May** (GCSE Maths Paper 1)

**Monday 5th June** (GCSE English Paper 1)

**Wednesday 7th June** (GCSE Maths Paper 2)

**Monday 12th June** (GCSE English Paper 2)

**Wednesday 14th June** (GCSE Maths Paper 3)

### Apprenticeship Q&As

Your child can join a member of our Apprenticeships Team on this virtual workshop for information and advice about apprenticeships, and to discover how we can help them find an apprenticeship position with some of the country's leading employers.

**Tuesday 28th February, 4.00pm – 5.00pm**

**Tuesday 21st March, 4.00pm – 5.00pm**

Use the Zoom details below to join:

Meeting ID: 629 113 5451 Password: WVR

## Parent Portal

You can view your child's interim progress review, their target grades and their progress against assessments to date, in addition to key college contacts and online safety information [here](#).

## Students impress the town with an extraordinary Fringe Festival

The college proudly celebrated the successful opening of the highly anticipated 'Fringe Festival' last term, held in collaboration with Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival (WCAF). Art & design students invested weeks designing, curating and installing their artwork ready to be displayed at the



exhibition, which following a private viewing shared by family, friends and the Mayor of Warrington, was open to the public for two weeks in the town centre.

## Sustainability: a key priority

We are committed to raising awareness and the implementation of sustainable practices in all aspects of college life. Last term, we celebrated Green Careers Week 2022 and promoted jobs, roles and occupations that contribute to preserving or restoring the environment or our planet.

As businesses continue their efforts to become more sustainable, it is inevitable that employers will be recruiting for 'green' roles in the future. Examples of green careers include: architect, chemical engineer, product designer, biomedical scientist and various roles within the ever-changing construction industry.

Our Sustainability Week takes place in February 2023, whereby an array of green

initiatives to promote the importance of the planet will be

taking place, such as a second-hand book & clothes sale and litter picking, [#ONESTEPGREENER](#) amongst hearing from a range of guest speakers and employers.



## Where careers begin

We recently caught up with former Level 3 Health & Social Care student, Lauren King, who progressed onto Edge Hill University, achieving a BSc in psychology and is now completing a MSc in counselling and psychotherapy. Alongside her studies, Lauren has also had some exciting opportunities, such as working with Alder Hey Hospital and Wigan Council, working as a Student Governor at Edge Hill, as well as a healthcare assistant at a residential care home.

Reflecting on her time at college, she said: "My course has taught me so much more than just a level 3 diploma. At the interview for my current job, I found myself reciting information I had learnt at college over 3 years ago – which proved vital to the role that sees me support care home residents both physically and emotionally. The health & social care course at the college is so vast and varied that it feels like there is no role in the sector that would not be benefitted from this course."



Amazing Alumni

## Supporting your child with career planning

With so many course options out there, it can be hard to know the difference between them all. Here at Warrington & Vale Royal College, all of our courses are specially designed to not only provide your child with a qualification, but also the skills and experience needed to be successful in the industry they aspire to work in.

To help you and your child decide on their next steps this summer, we've summarised some different routes:

### Vocational

Offering courses from entry level to level 3 (A Level equivalent), following completion of their course this summer, your child can choose to progress onto the appropriate level of study and continue their vocational qualification up to level 3.

### Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships allow your child to work and study at the same time, combining practical training in the workplace with college studies so that they can earn a wage while gaining a nationally-recognised qualification. To learn about how we can support your child with finding an apprenticeship position, get in touch with our Apprenticeships Team at [apprenticeships@wvr.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@wvr.ac.uk)

### Higher Education

After completion of their level 3 course, your child could choose to progress on to university, a higher apprenticeship or continue their studies to a higher level here at college. We offer a large range of higher education courses and professional qualifications on your doorstep, with significantly lower fees than university. Our knowledgeable Careers Team can support your child with applying for higher study, UCAS, student finance and much more. Visit [wvr.ac.uk/he](http://wvr.ac.uk/he) for more information.

### Employment

Our Careers Education Programme helps your child boost their employability, and shows them a world of exciting future career opportunities as part of their course. Our expert Careers Team can support your child with their CV and covering letters, interview techniques and advise on job opportunities. To book an appointment with our Careers Team, email [careers@wvr.ac.uk](mailto:careers@wvr.ac.uk) or call 01925 494 660.

## College hosts biggest employer week to date

We are extremely proud of our links with over 500 employers which allow our students to benefit from a huge variety of exclusive opportunities, including industry placements, masterclasses, live briefs and workshops with both local companies and large,

international organisations. During our Employer Week last term, we were joined by ABB Group, Trauma Resus, LiveWire, Warrington Borough Council, Draw & Code, The Royal Navy, Warrington Hospital and Dunky's Day Nurseries, to name but a few. Students were able to explore their post-college options, as well as part-time jobs and volunteering opportunities.



## Student selected as the voice of UK youths in further education

Selected from hundreds of applicants nationwide, Warrington & Vale Royal College student Dillon Hillary will be collaborating with 12 other young people in the UK's first-ever Further Education (FE) Youth Collective. The panel will act as



a collective voice, where their opinions, experiences and judgements will be put at the heart of future decisions in FE institutions. We are extremely proud of Dillon, who is now excited about making a real difference for students across the country, saying: "I knew I wanted to be a part of this fantastic opportunity. I love college and I want all students to feel as confident and supported in further education as I am."

## Rising stars scouted by Liverpool Empire Youth Musical Theatre



We are incredibly proud of former Level 3 Performing & Production Arts students, Alisha Ward and Lucian Hinchliffe, who are taking the stage at the Liverpool Empire Theatre after being scouted during the college's autumn production, *Bad Girls: The Musical*. As part of the established relationship between our Advanced Creative & Digital Skills Centre and the Liverpool Empire Theatre, the theatre company have also returned this term to run bespoke workshops with current performing arts students, helping to prepare them for auditioning in the industry, before they return this summer to audition students for roles in future theatre productions.

