



Update from our School Engagement Team

Welcome to Year 11!

We hope you had a fantastic summer and are excited for your final year at school! It's now time to start thinking about your next steps and we are here to support you with your transition from school by offering information, advice and guidance about your future options at Warrington & Vale Royal College.

It's been a very busy summer here as we welcomed hundreds of new students taking the next step in their educational journey at our Warrington and Winsford campuses. Over the coming months, we will be visiting local schools to deliver informative presentations and interactive workshops, as well as tailored one-to-one guidance at lunchtime drop-in sessions. You may even spot us at your school's parents' evening or careers fairs – don't be shy, come and say hello!



We will also be hosting plenty of events at our college campuses, including Open Evenings, Taster Days and Sample Evenings. We would strongly encourage that you attend one of these to get a real feel for college life and tour our incredible facilities with your own eyes. They are also a fantastic opportunity to meet our expert tutors and discover our range of T Levels, vocational courses and apprenticeships.

We hope you settle in well to this new school year and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

Megan, Ellena & Ella

School Engagement Team

Tips for applying to college

- Get your application in early. We advise students to apply before Christmas, so that you can concentrate on your mock exams.
- You can apply for more than one course. It's ok to be unsure about which course you'd like to do. You can apply and interview for several courses and you don't have to make your final decision until GCSE results day next year.
- Visiting us on an Open Evening and meeting with our tutors may give you a clearer idea of which course you might want to apply for.

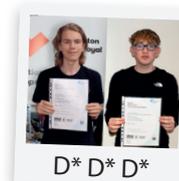
New students excited to begin their college journey

We had a fantastic GCSE results day, meeting hundreds of new students, along with their proud friends and family members, to enrol onto their chosen course! Pupils from a wide range of local schools visited both our Warrington and Winsford campuses to begin their college journey and start an exciting new chapter in their lives.



Remarkable results all around!

Students and staff at Warrington & Vale Royal College are celebrating a fantastic set of results, with 88% of final-year students studying a BTEC Level 3 achieving a Distinction*, Distinction or Merit grade.



Amongst the strong set of results were some particularly impressive achievements from George Byron and Timothy Lee who were both awarded D*D*D* in creative media and games design. George, a former pupil of St. Gregory's Catholic High School, is progressing to study Television and Radio Production at the University of Salford. Timothy, a former Sir Thomas Boteler CofE High School pupil, is progressing to Staffordshire University to study Computer Games.

A new course choice - T Levels

T Levels are a brand-new qualification designed to give you a head start towards the future you want. These 2-year courses follow GCSEs and are equivalent to three A Levels, **combining** classroom-based learning and a meaningful **45-day industry placement**.



T Levels have been co-created by over 250 employers nationally, so you can gain the knowledge, skills and experience you need to leap ahead of the crowd into your desired career.

Visit wvr.ac.uk/t-levels to find out more.

What's on?

WHERE YOUR FUTURE MATTERS

YEAR 11 OPEN EVENINGS

Monday 3 rd October	Tuesday 18 th October	Wednesday 9 th November
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Register online: wvr.ac.uk/openevenings

Apprenticeships Q&As

Join a member of our Apprenticeships Team on this virtual workshop if you want more information and advice about apprenticeships and to discover how Warrington & Vale Royal College can help you find your dream role! For more info, email: apprenticeships@wvr.ac.uk



Tuesday 4th October 4:00 pm

Tuesday 18th October 4:00 pm

Tuesday 1st November 4:00 pm

Calling all fashion fanatics!

Do you see yourself as a trendsetter who loves staying on top of the latest styles? Are you always taking inspiration from online influencers? Our Level 3 Fashion Innovation course hits the catwalk for the first time in **September 2023!**



Covering all things social media marketing, fashion trends, styling, photography, events management and so much more. If you are interested in becoming the next Emily in Paris or Molly Mae, this exciting new course is perfect for you.

Winsford Subway

Before the summer holidays, our **Level 3 Graphic Design students** produced over 25 pieces of amazing artwork to be presented in an underground subway in Winsford, for passers-by to admire and enjoy.



Based on the history of Winsford town, students encompassed various cultural hotspots and iconic buildings such as churches, waterways and local pubs in their artwork.



Both students and tutors came together to celebrate their achievement at our Winsford campus in July, and were delighted to be joined by Winsford Town Councillor Laura Whitehead. This was a brilliant opportunity for our students to showcase their skills and give back to the community.



Celebrating our students!

University Success

Bobbi Watkins, former Birchwood Community High School pupil has always had a passion for art and loves being creative. After achieving high GCSE grades, Bobbi knew she wanted to turn her passion into a career. Bobbi recently completed her art & design course here at college, achieving a fantastic Distinction grade, and has really enjoyed her studies.



Bobbi Watkins

Bobbi says: **"I was first drawn to the college after attending an open evening, the tutors were very friendly and the course was well-suited to what I wanted to do in the future. I would 100% recommend the course to others; I feel safe and at home at college, the staff and facilities are absolutely amazing!"**

YOUNG ARTIST OF THE YEAR 2023



Have you got what it takes to be crowned Young Artist of the Year 2023?

We would love to see a variety of entries: photography, painting, arts and crafts, textiles, fine art and fashion.

Drop off your artwork at our Warrington campus reception. Make sure to include your name, school, year group and award category you wish to enter.

Prizes:

- Artist Essentials Kit worth £65
- Wacom Intuos Graphics Tablet



Exhibition and award ceremony date: **Thursday 23rd March.**

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

Investing in our campuses...

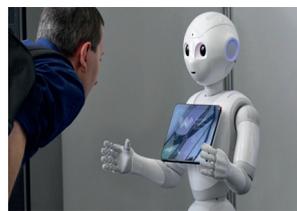
Our brand-new Health & Social Care Academy has opened its doors this September, welcoming students who are excited to begin their first-rate training to become a healthcare professional. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities including a **hospital ward** and **assisted living flat**, The Academy will provide students with a learning experience that mirrors the workplace whilst offering exclusive industry placement opportunities with the likes Warrington & Halton NHS Foundation Trust.



Investing in your future...



Thanks to a £1.3million investment, our **Advanced Creative & Digital Skills Centre** will be launching this year, and students have already begun to enjoy experiencing the outstanding facilities it has to offer. Innovative technology such as **virtual reality, robotics and visual effects (VFX)**, combined with incredible industry placement opportunities with companies such as 10:10 Games and the Liverpool Empire Theatre, mean students will develop the skills and knowledge they need to achieve their future career goals.



Contact us



Our friendly Learner Services Team is on hand Monday to Friday to answer any of your college questions. You can reach them on **01925 494 400** or learner.services@wvr.ac.uk

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @wvrcollege. Our inboxes are checked daily by our School Engagement Team so please don't hesitate to direct message us. We look forward to seeing you soon!

We offer six **FREE** college bus services with routes starting from: Irlam, Winsford, Leigh, Penketh, Northwich and Runcorn. Register your place at wvr.ac.uk/bus