

Update from our School Engagement Team

Hello, Year 11!

How your final year at high school has flown! It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you over the course of this academic year, and we hope that you are now clear on your next steps, whether they are to a full-time course at college or into an apprenticeship. Most of all, we cannot wait to welcome you to join the Warrington & Vale Royal College community in September 2023. We hope you are excited too.

Many of you may have come along to our College Experience Evenings, where you will have sampled a two-hour session of your chosen course, as well as meeting your future classmates and tutors. With over 97% of those who attended rating these events as good or excellent, they really were evenings not to miss. If you were not able to join us, don't worry, our New Student Welcome Day is coming up soon.

For those of you who have not yet attended a course discussion, it is essential that you come when invited, as this is your chance to be



offered a place to study on your chosen course. During this friendly 15-minute chat with your future tutor, you will learn more about the course, entry requirements and expectations, while having the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about college.

Our applications remain open for September 2023. This means if you have not yet applied, you can still do so via our website or by filling out a paper application form. But be quick, we have received an unprecedented number of applications this year, and places are given on a first-come first-served basis, so the sooner you apply the better.

We want to wish you the very best of luck with your upcoming exams and we hope to see you soon!

Megan, Ellena & Ella

School Engagement Team

Bright lights in the big city

During half-term, travel & tourism and business students jetted off to 'The Big Apple', fully immersing themselves into the iconic landmarks, art and culture in one of the world's most bucket-list destinations. The fast-paced, vibrant city of New York is a once-in-a-lifetime trip for many, home to an array of historic, must-see attractions, and students definitely wasted no time in exploring the city that never sleeps!



Read more about the trip [here](#).

What's on?

Campus Tours

Did you miss out on our Open Evenings but still want to come and see the facilities? Or do you have some questions and would like another opportunity to get a feel for the college's atmosphere? You can book in for a guided tour with our friendly School Engagement Team!

Book your tour by visiting wvr.ac.uk/campustours



New Student Welcome Day

Tuesday 4th July 2023

You are invited to try out your course in a 2 hour session, meet your future classmates, and get to know your tutor. There will also be an exciting **Pre-freshers Fair** where you can find out more about job opportunities and help yourself to some tasty snacks and freebies.

Look out for your invite in June 2023.



Community Fun Day

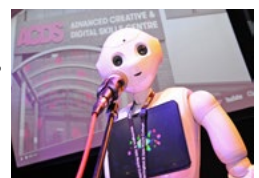
**Saturday 8th July 2023
11.00am - 2.00pm**

This year's Community Fun Day will be held at our Warrington campus. This free-to-enter event will be a fun-filled few hours with plenty to entertain everyone, be sure to bring along your friends and family! There will be fairground rides, outdoor activities, a dog show and delicious food stalls, as well as representatives from the Army, the Fire Service and the Police, with plenty more yet to be announced.



Introducing our brand-new Advanced Creative & Digital Skills Centre

In March, the college celebrated the official launch of our Advanced Creative & Digital Skills Centre! After a £2 million investment from the Department of Education, this facility is the perfect place for our students to kickstart their creative and digital careers and get to grips with state-of-the-art technologies and equipment. A number of esteemed guests, employer partners and friends of the college joined the college in a celebration of the ACDS Centre's success so far and the amazing things still yet to come. Read the full story [here](#).



Young Artist of the Year 2023

The college was absolutely blown away by the quality of entrants to this year's competition and, with over 100 guests attending the Exhibition & Award Presentation, it truly was a night to remember.



With such a high standard of art, the judges had to make the toughest decision and choose their winners for the creative and digital categories. Carys Backhouse Worrall, a year 11 pupil from Cardinal Newman High School, was awarded Young Creative Artist of the Year for her striking abstract portrait on canvas and took home £70 worth of art essentials.

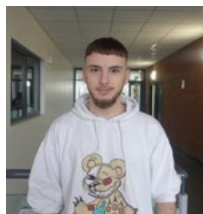
Tom Welsby, a year 11 pupil from Hope Academy is this year's Young Digital Artist. Demonstrating advanced digital painting skills and a talented eye for depth and colour, Tom was awarded a Wacom Intuos Creative Pen Tablet.

We want to say a huge well done to all of this year's entrants for their amazing work!

Click [here](#) to read the full story.

Students celebrate amazing university offers

This term, our level 3 students have been celebrating receiving their university offers, with nearly all students who have applied now receiving their place! Students are moving on to prestigious institutions including University of York, University of Chester, Cardiff University, and many more nationwide.



FREE bus to college!



Did you know we offer six FREE bus services for full-time, 16-18 year old students? Completely free of charge, buses arrive at our Warrington campus in time for students to enjoy their free breakfast before classes start every day, and depart after lessons finish.

Routes starting in:

Irlam - Winsford - Leigh - Widnes - Northwich - Runcorn
All routes above for 2023/2024 have been confirmed.

Limited places available, register your child's at: wvr.ac.uk/bus

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 download our free college app and follow us on social media - [@wvrcollege](#)

Our inboxes are checked daily by our School Engagement Team so please don't hesitate to direct message us.

Finding the North West's best young chef

The heat was on in our onsite restaurant Buckley's this term, as our fantastic culinary skills students battled it out for a place in the International Wine and Food Society's Vegetarian Chef competition.

With the grand final being held at our Warrington campus in April, the pressure was on for our students to create colourful, innovative and, most importantly, tasty dishes to wow the judges and secure their place.

The dishes chosen by the judges to be taken through to the final were a rhubarb tart featuring candied beetroot and a creamy filling, created by former Penketh High School pupil Caitlin Clarke, and a beetroot and rhubarb risotto garnished with pickled radishes made by former Birchwood Community High School pupil Zach Doherty. The winner will be announced soon, keep an eye out on our social media!



Honours Programme



Are you a high achiever who wants to work hard and go far? Our Honours Programme is waiting for you! Focusing on Russell Group universities, Conservatories and higher apprenticeships, the Honours Programme ensures our aspirational students are fully equipped to further their education at a prestigious university or take their next step into industry. Find out more on our website!

Celebrating National Work Experience Week!

We have been celebrating National Work Experience Week at the college, sharing our students' success while on industry placement with high profile employers across the North West. Industry placement will be a key feature of your time at the college, where you will have the opportunity to put your skills into action in a real workplace.

These exciting opportunities will enhance your learning, supercharge your CV, and you'll meet and work for potential future employers, with some dedicated students even securing their dream apprenticeship or job following their time with an organisation!



Sport skiing superstar!

Level 2 Sport & Physical Activity student Caitlin Baldwin has been recognised as one of Warrington's most promising snowsport prospects since the young age of 10. Caitlin has been progressing with her skiing career in Europe alongside studying for her sport qualification, with the full support of the college.

Caitlin says: "I really cannot thank the college enough for how much they have supported me. I was nervous about coming to college, thinking that I might have to choose between my passion for skiing and my qualification, but I really shouldn't have worried."



Click [here](#) to read more about Caitlin's story.