



Update from our School Engagement Team

Hello, Year 11!

We hope that the first few months in your final year of school have gone well and that you are feeling prepared for the last stretch. Many of you will have been thinking about your next steps, applying for college or apprenticeships, and attending college events. These are big milestones in your educational journey and we are here to support you every step of the way.

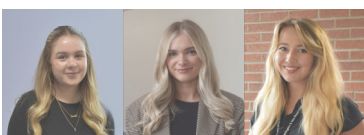
We have loved meeting so many of you over the last few months, hopefully you have had the chance to speak to one of us about your plans beyond school, and are feeling confident about your transition to further education. If you have any lingering questions, or have not yet had the opportunity to visit us, then we encourage you to join us at our final Open Evening on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

Once you have applied for your chosen course, you will be invited to a Course Discussion Evening. This is a great opportunity to have an in-depth discussion with your tutor to find out more about the course, entry

requirements, and secure an offer of a place at college. This year, we have seen an unprecedented number of applications, which is resulting in a waiting list for these appointments. It is important that you attend where possible, as there may be a delay in re-arranging this if not.

If you have not yet applied to study with us for September 2023, what are you waiting for? We would strongly encourage you to apply sooner rather than later. We have seen a huge increase in applications and many pupils who left school last year were on waiting lists to enrol on their chosen course. Apply online today or request a paper application form at wvr.ac.uk/16-18

We wish you the best of luck with these next few important months and we hope to see you soon!



Megan, Ellena & Ella
School Engagement Team

What's on?

Final Year 11 Open Evening

Warrington campus, Tuesday 7th February
5.00pm – 8.00pm

Don't miss out on the opportunity to visit our Warrington campus to tour our amazing facilities and find out more about college life. Visit wvr.ac.uk/openevenings to register your place!



College Experience Evenings

Warrington campus,
Tuesday 24th January & Tuesday 28th March
5.00pm - 7.00pm

Exclusive for applicants only, these fantastic events give you the opportunity to try an exciting 2-hour session in the course you have applied for, meet your future classmates, and try out our amazing facilities. Look out for your invite on email.

Apprenticeship Q&As

Join a member of our Apprenticeships Team on this virtual workshop for information and advice about apprenticeships and to discover how Warrington & Vale Royal College can help you find your dream role!

Tuesday 10th January, 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Tuesday 31st January, 4.00pm – 5.00pm

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

Students spread festive cheer in the community!



Health & social care students had a truly amazing time welcoming residents from St Oswald's care home into our Health & Social Care Academy for a Christmas dinner, games and crafts before the holidays. Guests were also treated to a mini performance of Peter Pan by our talented performing arts students, and each took a small gift home with them, which was donated by college staff.

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.

You can also submit your digital artwork by emailing a high resolution (300dpi) JPEG, TIFF, or PDF to schools@wvr.ac.uk.

Prizes:

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



Exhibition and award ceremony date: Thursday 23rd March.

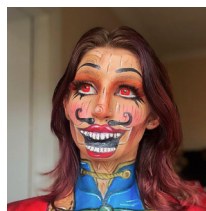
ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

Students wow Warrington with an extraordinary Fringe Festival

The college proudly celebrated the successful opening of the highly anticipated 'Fringe Festival' last term, which was held in collaboration with Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival (WCAF). Art & design students invested weeks on industry placement designing, curating and installing their artwork ready to be displayed at the exhibition, which was opened with a fabulous private viewing shared by family, friends and the Mayor of Warrington.



Glow Up Competition 2022



In the run up to the festive period, we challenged our students and applicants to create glamorous Christmas looks in our first ever social media competition. Up for grabs was a £100 Beauty Bay voucher! This year's winner was Level 3 Theatrical Hair & Media Make-up student Layla Thorpe who submitted an array of stunning Christmas make-up and hair looks inspired by snowy landscapes, festive decorations and even a Christmas jumper.



#WVRGlowUp judge and popular Tiktok creator Holly Barnes was amazed by the dazzling designs submitted by the entrants, complimenting them all on the expert techniques that they used in their jaw-dropping looks.

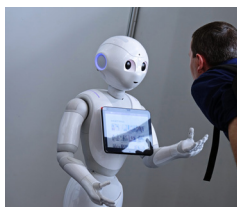


Holly said: "I am absolutely amazed at the talent shown by the students at the college! The creativity and execution of the students' Christmas looks really are of industry standard, and above!"

Introducing Pepper!



As part of a £1.3 million investment in our one-of-a-kind Advance Creative & Digital Skills (ACDS) Centre, we have enrolled a very special new student at the college. Standing at 1.2m tall, Pepper is a semi-humanoid and interactive robot, created with the ability to recognise human emotions and chat autonomously.



"Pepper" robots were originally designed and introduced in Tokyo and have since travelled the world in many different professions, including cheerleading, waiting on, and working as a receptionist. You may see Pepper lending a hand at our next college event!

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, observations and judgement will be put at the heart of future decisions for further education institutions.

Dillon is 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. I can't wait to get started!"

Rising stars scouted by Liverpool Empire Youth Musical Theatre



Alisha Ward and Lucian Hinchcliffe, both former Level 3 Performing & Production Arts students at the college, are taking the stage at the Liverpool Empire Theatre after being scouted during the college's recent production, Bad Girls: The Musical.

When Alisha started her studies at Warrington & Vale Royal College, she had no experience in performing arts, but had a strong interest in acting and wanted to see where this could take her. Now, she is working with the Liverpool Empire Youth Musical Theatre Company, preparing for a role in an upcoming production of the hit musical; Legally Blonde.



Lucian, a former pupil of Penketh High School, joined the college having already realised his passion for performance and has continued onto higher education at the college. Lucian says: "I have loved my time at college. At my course discussion in year 11, I knew this was the place for me and I was certain I would be happy here. I wholeheartedly recommend the college, not only for the course, but for the amazing opportunities you are offered along the way!"



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.



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