

16-18 PROSPECTUS

2027/28



Warrington
& Vale Royal
College



WELCOME



“I am delighted that you are considering Warrington & Vale Royal College as the next step in your education.

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our prospectus and introduce you to the exciting opportunities available at our inclusive, ambitious, and forward-thinking college.

As Principal and Chief Executive, I am proud to lead a college where students are at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to supporting you to develop your skills, grow in confidence, and achieve your full potential. Whether you are aiming for university, an apprenticeship, or employment, our wide range of courses, outstanding facilities, and strong employer links will ensure you gain the knowledge and experience needed for future success.

We are also extremely proud of the exceptional support we offer our students. From the moment you apply, to the day you leave us, you will benefit from a friendly, supportive, and inclusive college community.

I encourage you to explore all that Warrington & Vale Royal College has to offer and look forward to welcoming you to one of our on-campus events.”



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Nichola Newton
Principal & Chief Executive

WHY CHOOSE US?

For over 40 years, Warrington & Vale Royal College has been supporting young people to build bright and successful futures.

Whether your goal is university, an apprenticeship, or a career you're passionate about, we offer the courses, expertise and guidance to help you get there.

At our college, rated Ofsted **OUTSTANDING** for Personal Development (2024), students gain far more than a qualification. They develop confidence, learn from industry professionals, and gain valuable real-world experience that helps them stand out and progress with confidence.

If you are looking for a fresh start or the opportunity to focus on a subject you truly enjoy, our wide range of courses and study pathways means there is something for everyone.

With the largest selection of course levels in the local area and a strong network of support in place, our students thrive at every stage of their journey. Whatever your starting point, we are committed to helping you grow, achieve and succeed.



£13 million investment in our campuses and state-of-the-art facilities.



Ofsted GOOD with OUTSTANDING grades for Behaviours and Attitudes and Personal Development.



Connected with over 800 employers to allow students a wealth of opportunities to interact and engage with industry.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:

99% say they are developing the skills they need to get a job.

98% say that college has given them a clear direction for their future.

98% say that their tutors challenge them to achieve their best work.

**End of term survey, May 2026.*



WHAT WE DO

After school, you have the choice to study something that you are genuinely passionate about and take some of the first steps in your future career.

Although this is an exciting time, the number of different course options out there can sometimes make the decision-making process overwhelming.

As well as making sure that you study at a college that will best support you and your future aspirations, it's equally important to opt for a course that matches your interests, preferred learning style, and career goals.



Did you know?

Level 3 Extended Diplomas, T Levels, and our Combination Pathways are equivalent to 3 A Levels.



Technical Courses

Highly practical full-time courses from level 1 to level 3.

T Levels

Full-time level 3 courses which includes a 315 hour industry placement.

Apprenticeships

Paid employment whilst working towards a nationally recognised qualification.

Combination Pathways

New for September 2027!

Full-time courses which combine A Levels, V Levels, and technical qualifications.

Foundation Learning

Entry level courses for students who need an extra step between school and a full-time college course.

Supported Internships

Pathways that prepare young people with EHCPs or support needs for the world of work, by combining significant industry placement with individualised support.

TECHNICAL COURSES

Also known as BTECs or vocational qualifications, technical courses are a combination of practical, skills-based, and theory-based learning that prepare you to be technically excellent in a specific industry or skilled role.

Often assessed through a mix of coursework, projects, and exams, they equip you with the skills needed for both university and employment.

AT A GLANCE:

Art & Design

Brickwork

Carpentry & Joinery

Creative & Digital Media

Early Years

Electrical Installation

Engineering

Fashion

Foundation Learning

Games Design

Graphic Design

Hairdressing

Health & Social Care

Hospitality & Catering

Military & Emergency Services

Motor Vehicle

Performing Arts

Plumbing

Skills for Independence, Life & Work

Sport

Travel & Tourism

A Technical Student:

- Prefers to study one subject in depth
- Is organised and able to manage multiple deadlines
- Enjoys practical, career-focused learning
- Aims to progress to university, a higher apprenticeship, or skilled employment.

T LEVELS

Combining academic, theory-based study in the classroom with a mandatory on-the-job placement with an employer, a T Level is the ideal route if you want to gain a gold-standard qualification but also practical experience in the workplace.

T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares you to progress into skilled employment or higher education.

AT A GLANCE:

Accounting

Business

Construction Design,
Surveying & Planning

Early Years

Engineering

Health

A T Level Student:

- Is organised and able to manage study and industry placement deadlines
- Is committed to balancing classroom learning with practical experience
- Shows enthusiasm for developing and applying technical skills
- Aspires to go on to university, an apprenticeship, or straight into skilled employment.



COMBINATION PATHWAYS

NEW
for
2027!

Our Combination Pathways offer a powerful new way to learn.

By bringing together A Level and V Level qualifications with complementary technical programmes, these pathways are designed to give students the **best of both worlds**: strong academic foundations and practical, industry-focused skills.

These options prepare students to stand out from the crowd and progress confidently to university, apprenticeships, or their chosen career.

AT A GLANCE:

Accounting & Finance

Education

Digital

Health

A Levels

A Levels are academic qualifications typically studied over two years. As they are widely recognised by universities and employers, A Levels are ideal for students who have clear academic interests and are aiming for higher education.

V Levels

V Levels will be launching in September 2027. One V Level qualification is equivalent to one A Level qualification, and they combine academic knowledge with practical, industry-focused skills, helping students build both confidence and real-world experience for their future.



FIND OUT MORE

wvr.ac.uk/combination-pathways



APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship allows you to work and study at the same time, enabling you to earn a wage whilst gaining a nationally recognised qualification.

You will be employed full-time by a company and also enrolled on a related course at college, combining both hands-on learning in the workplace with theory-based study in the classroom.

AT A GLANCE:

Accounting

Bricklaying

Business

Carpentry & Joinery

Customer Services

Electrical Installation

Engineering

Groundworker

Human Resources

Motor Vehicle

Plumbing & Heating

Recruitment

An Apprentice:

- Can balance both work responsibilities and study commitments
- Shows a genuine desire to learn in a real workplace environment and gain practical experience
- Demonstrates maturity and punctuality and has a clear understanding of their future career goals.

Apprentices at our college “feel welcomed, well supported and cared for.”

Ofsted 2024



FIND OUT MORE

wvr.ac.uk/apprenticeships



Rio Franchetti

Level 3 Motor Vehicle & Maintenance Apprentice

FOUNDATION LEARNING

Foundation Learning courses are suitable for any student who needs a little extra time to prepare for college, or has not quite met the entry requirements for a full-time college course.

Students will focus on working towards their essential English and maths qualifications, as well as developing their interpersonal and employability skills on a pathway that relates to their future ambitions.

Find out more on page 70.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Our full-time ESOL course for young people aged 16-19 is designed to help students improve their English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. This programme allows students to then go on to other college courses relating to their career aspirations.

SKILLS FOR INDEPENDENCE, LIFE & WORK

Our Skills for Independence, Life & Work courses give students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities the chance to build confidence and practical skills.

Students also gain hands-on experience at our Wellbeing Community Café in Orford Community Hub, a real working environment where they learn to prepare meals and snacks while developing essential skills in customer service, teamwork, and communication.

Find out more on page 100.

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

Supported Internships are a great next step for young people aged 17-24 who want to move into paid employment. They are especially suited to those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), but there are also some opportunities available for young people without one.

These programmes combine real work experience with individualised support, helping students build confidence, develop workplace skills, and gain the experience employers are looking for. Interns spend most of their time in a work setting, supported by experienced staff who help them learn on the job and succeed in securing sustainable employment at the end of their internship.

Find out more on page 110.



GETTING TO COLLEGE

Our bus routes arrive at the Warrington campus before lessons begin and depart at the end of the college day, ensuring a convenient, reliable, and stress-free journey to and from college.

WVR 1: Irlam – Culcheth – Birchwood

WVR 2: Winsford – Hartford

WVR 3: Leigh – Ashton – Newton-le-Willows

WVR 4: Widnes – Penketh – Westbrook

WVR 5: Northwich – Barnton

WVR 6: Runcorn – Sandymoor – Latchford



Studying at Winsford campus?

You could receive a FREE D&G bus pass!*

**Terms & conditions apply.*

Correct at time of printing. The college reserves the right to withdraw dedicated bus services if needed.



FIND OUT MORE

wvr.ac.uk/bus





Did you know?

Students from households with an annual income of less than **£60,000** may be eligible for free travel through our College Discretionary Bursary scheme.

Find out more at: wvr.ac.uk/bursary.



FACILITIES DESIGNED FOR YOUR SUCCESS

With over £13 million invested across both our Warrington and Winsford campuses, you will learn in modern, industry-standard environments that reflect the real world.



OUR ACADEMIES

Our academies are centres of excellence, each one expertly designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills most in demand by employers.



TV studio, green screen room, motion capture suite, art & fashion studios, dance studio, 160-seat theatre, backstage, and box office.



Engineering labs and workshops, with welding bays, CNC machines, Colchester lathes, and a specialist CAD suite.



Modern classrooms and pods for individual learning, situated in our bright and spacious Learning Resource Centre.



Industry-leading and sustainable technologies including 3D printers, virtual reality (VR), and surveying equipment.



Simulation hospital ward, independent living flat, industry-standard health & social care equipment, and vibrant nursery classrooms.



FROM APPLICANT TO STUDENT

At Warrington & Vale Royal College, we understand that every applicant's journey is unique.

Our admissions process, known as “transition”, is designed to support every applicant to progress smoothly towards becoming a college student.

We understand that your transition to further education can be influenced by many factors, including your educational background, emotional wellbeing, support needs, and personal circumstances.

From initial application through to enrolment, we provide clear information, tailored guidance, and opportunities for you to become familiar with college life and take your next step with confidence.



I have no disclosed support needs:

I have an ECHP* and/or support needs:

Attend our Open Evenings

Submit an application

Interview and secure your conditional offer

Interview, meet our support teams, and secure your conditional offer

Accept your offer in the MyWVR app

Attend a College Experience Evening

Complete your Getting Ready for College form

Attend Transition Sessions

Attend New Student Welcome Day

Collect your GCSE results and enrol!

Home educated? You will receive tailored support to help you transition successfully into college.

We work closely with each young person to understand their ambitions, abilities, and wellbeing needs, ensuring they are matched to the most appropriate course and support. For some, this may include progression onto our flexible Step Into College programmes.

If you have been home educated, we would encourage you to speak to our Admissions Team as soon as possible. Call: **01925 494 400** or email: **learner.services@wvr.ac.uk**.

**Students with EHCPs will be offered enhanced, personalised transition support to ensure their individual needs are understood.*

STUDENT SUPPORT

At Warrington & Vale Royal College, student support is central to everything we do.

We are committed to going the extra mile to ensure every student feels safe, supported, and able to thrive during their time with us, both academically and personally.

What support do we offer?

The college offers a variety of support based on our students' needs. This could include:

- In-class support (prompts, readers, and scribes)
- Mobility support
- Specialist resources and equipment (laptops with assistive software, dictaphone, and reader pens)
- Modification of learning materials
- Lunchtime and break support
- Meet and greet sessions
- Orientation
- Exam access arrangements
- Support in and out of timetabled sessions from experienced Learning Facilitators and Progress Coaches
- Assistive technology coaching, mentoring, and support
- Therapy dog sessions.

“Students with high needs thrive in a supportive and inclusive environment.”

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FIND OUT MORE

wvr.ac.uk/college-life

Learning Support

Students with special educational needs are supported by our Learning Support Team, who offer in-class support, study skills guidance, and assistive technologies.

Specialist assessors are also available to ensure appropriate exam access arrangements are in place.

Progress Coaches

Each student is assigned a dedicated Progress Coach who provides guidance, encouragement, and practical support.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Recognised by Ofsted (2024) as a highly inclusive college, we celebrate equality, diversity, and British Values. Our fully accessible campuses and support for the Sunflower Lanyard Scheme help ensure all students feel comfortable, respected, and supported. We are proud to provide a safe and welcoming environment for everyone in our college community.

Wellbeing Support

Any student can experience problems from time to time, not necessarily related to their academic studies, which is why our experienced Wellbeing Team is always on hand to discuss concerns in a safe, non-judgemental environment.

Safeguarding

We take the safety of our students seriously.

Our Safeguarding Team is always available, and we have a safeguarding policy that ensures all students undertaking activities at our college do so in a safe and secure environment.

Money Matters

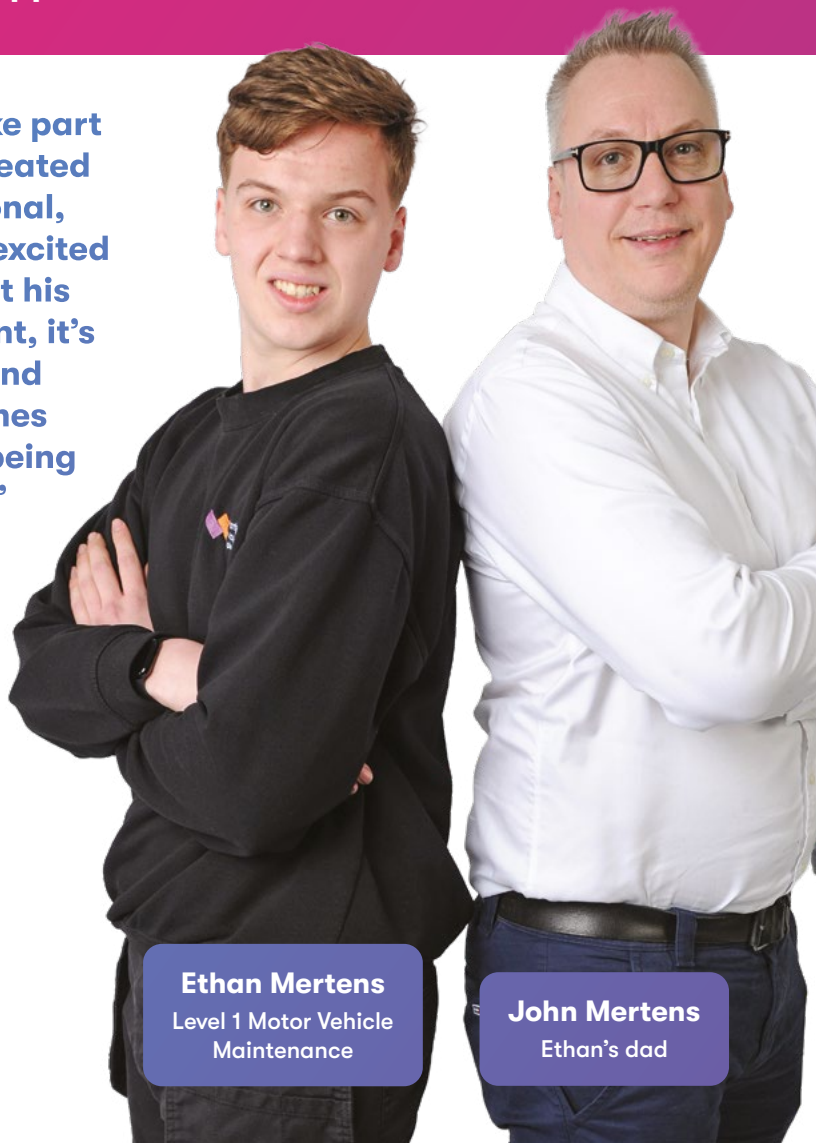
We offer a range of financial support options for eligible students. The College Discretionary Bursary, which is available to those with a household income of **£45,000** or less, can help with meals, essential course equipment, and other costs associated with attending college.

Find out more:
wvr.ac.uk/bursary

PARENTS LOVE OUR COLLEGE

We are committed to working with parents and carers and recognise the important role they play in the success and happiness of our students.

“Ethan feels like part of a team, is treated like a professional, and is always excited to tell me about his day. As a parent, it’s lovely to see, and it speaks volumes about his wellbeing at the college.”



Ethan Mertens

Level 1 Motor Vehicle
Maintenance

John Mertens

Ethan’s dad

We recently asked parents of our students to share their honest thoughts about their young person's experience at our college, and what it's been like supporting them throughout their journey in further education.

Their feedback was clear: **PARENTS LOVE OUR COLLEGE**. From the supportive atmosphere to the strong progress their children are making, families across the region are seeing the positive impact of learning with us.



“Rifca has learnt and achieved so much during her time at college, this is a testament to the way in which staff work tirelessly to support their students.”

Yousif Abdalla
Rifca's dad

Rifca Abdalla
Level 3 Fashion
Promotion & Styling



WVRXTRA

EVENTS • CLUBS • SPORTS • WELLBEING • COMMUNITY

WVRXtra is our exciting new enrichment programme designed to help you discover what you're capable of, build your confidence, and develop the skills you need for life beyond college.

From life-saving first aid and self-defence classes to wellbeing workshops, sustainability projects, and practical life skills sessions, WVRXtra gives you the opportunity to try new things, meet new people, and get even more from your college experience.



WVRXTRA

Our WVRXtra offer runs during select tutorial times, and is designed to equip you with life skills, including:

- Cooking classes
- DIY skills
- Driving theory sessions
- Green initiatives
- Self-defence classes
- Wellbeing workshops

WVRXTRA+

Take your personal and professional development even further with our enhanced WVRXtra+ careers programme.

Designed by our award winning Careers Team to prepare you for your next steps, WVRXtra+ provides valuable opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge, and experience needed for your next steps after college! Pathways include:

- Apprenticeship & Employability Programme
- Entrepreneurship Programme
- Higher Education+ Programme

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Our lunchtime clubs take place throughout the week and are the perfect way to pursue your interests, try something new, and connect with other students. They include:

- Book Club
- Cheerleading
- Chess
- Craft Club
- Creative Writing
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Film Club
- Football
- Running Club
- Street Dance
- Yoga



FIND OUT MORE

wvr.ac.uk/xtra

WVR WORLDWIDE

At Warrington & Vale Royal College, learning goes beyond the classroom!

This year, students have the opportunity to broaden their horizons, develop valuable employability skills, and experience different cultures through international placements funded by the UK Government's Turing Scheme.

Up to 50 students embarked on a life-changing overseas experience, gaining the confidence, independence, and global outlook that help them stand out in their future careers.



Summer Adventure 2026

This year, our students travelled to Sri Lanka for a two-week placement programme across a range of specialisms, including Health & Social Care, Digital, Sport, Childcare, and Construction. Working alongside local organisations and educational partners, students applied their skills in real-world environments, from observing healthcare professionals in hospitals, delivering sports activities in schools to supporting community projects and helping to rebuild local facilities.

Beyond their placements, students immersed themselves in the local culture through community and conservation projects, traditional workshops, and cultural experiences. For many, it was their first time travelling so far from home, providing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build resilience, adaptability, and a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Read more at: wvr.ac.uk/sri-lanka.



YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

At Warrington & Vale Royal College, your study programme will be made up of your main course, tutorials, industry placements, and WVRXtra, all of which will support you to achieve your qualification, while focusing on skill development to help you succeed beyond the classroom.



YOUR WEEK COULD LOOK LIKE:

Level 1 Student:

	9.00am - 10.30am		10.45am - 12.15pm		1.15pm - 2.45pm		3.00pm - 4.30pm
Mon	Practical		Practical		GCSE English		GCSE Maths
Tue	GCSE Maths		GCSE English		Practical		Practical
Wed	Core	Break	Tutorial	Lunch	Core	Break	
Thu							
Fri							

Level 3 Student:

	9.00am - 10.30am		10.45am - 12.15pm		1.15pm - 2.45pm		3.00pm - 4.30pm
Mon	Tutorial		Core		Blended Learning		Blended Learning
Tue							
Wed	Core	Break	Core	Lunch	Core	Break	
Thu	Core		Core		Core		Core
Fri							

T Level Student:

	9.00am - 10.30am		10.45am - 12.15pm		1.15pm - 2.45pm		3.00pm - 4.30pm
Mon	Core		Core		Core		Core
Tue	Core		Core		Core		Core
Wed		Break		Lunch		Break	
Thu	Core		Core		Core		Tutorial
Fri	Blended Learning		Blended Learning				

Your timetable will be available at your induction.

COURSE LEVELS

We are proud to offer a wide range of courses designed to suit different starting points, ensuring as many young people as possible can take the next step in their education with us.

If you're unsure of the right level for you, take a look at the helpful guide below. Each course may have its own entry requirements, so be sure to check this when you apply.

Remember, our Admissions Team is always available to offer advice and support if you are unsure about the right pathway for you.

ENTRY LEVEL

No formal qualifications

LEVEL 1

Equivalent qualification: GCSE Grades 1-3

LEVEL 2

Equivalent qualification: GCSE Grades 4-9,
Apprenticeship Standard Level 2 (Intermediate)

LEVEL 3

Equivalent qualification: A Levels, T Levels, V Levels,
Apprenticeship Standard Level 3 (Advanced)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS*

Entry Level

No minimum grades required.

Everyday skills in reading and writing, basic literacy and numeracy skills, and a willingness to learn.

Level 1

Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 2 or above.

Level 2

Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English or maths.

Construction Trades

Minimum of 4 GCSEs. This must include English and maths at grade 4 or above, and 2 other GCSEs at grade 3 or above.

Hairdressing / Hospitality & Catering

Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English or maths at grade 4 or above.

Level 3

Minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths.

AS Level Pathways

Minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English or maths.

Engineering

Minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, maths, and science.

T Level, V Level & A Level

Minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths.

Adult Nursing / Engineering

Minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, maths and science.

T Level Foundation Year

Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English or maths at grade 4 or above.

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ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS

What can I study?

**T Level Foundation Year
Business, Digital Skills
& Accountancy**

T Level Accounting

**T Level Business Management
& Administration: Business
Support**

Combination Pathway:

**V Level Accounting & Finance,
A Level Business Studies,
A Level Psychology**

NEW!

Apprenticeships available!

Careers NOT Courses

- Accountant
- Bookkeeper
- HR Officer
- Management Consultant
- Marketing Manager
- Payroll Manager
- Project Manager
- Tax Officer



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Why study accounting & business?

Curriculum Manager Nicola says: “Studying with us gives you more than just a qualification. You’ll be taught by industry experts who truly engage and motivate you, while gaining real-world experience through T Levels or earning as you learn with an apprenticeship. As tutors, we love seeing our students grow in confidence and ability as they progress on their journey into a successful career and we give you all the skills and knowledge you need to do so.”





Industry Links

Students will benefit from strong links with leading local employers such as Betfred, North Cheshire and Mersey NHS Foundation Trust, Jungheinrich, RMG Group, Riqueza, and MCS.

This means you can work on real business projects, gaining valuable real-world experience. We also welcome guest speakers from industries like marketing, HR, and finance, helping you to explore career options and feel confident about your future.

Trips & Visits

You will have the chance to visit various companies to enhance your commercial knowledge and connect with industry experts. With many students choosing to progress to university following their course with us, they are given opportunities to visit various higher education institutions nationally.

There are also opportunities to travel overseas. Previous students have visited New York to explore the Stock Exchange and experience the financial hub of America.



FIND OUT MORE & APPLY ONLINE!

wvr.ac.uk/16-18

MEET OUR STUDENTS

“My experience on the course and on my industry placement has been fantastic. Now I have finished my course, I have lots of opportunities open to me, but I have chosen to stay with my placement employer, Jungheinrich! They have offered me a job in regional sales development, which is exactly what I had hoped for.”

Jayden chose to study a T Level as he liked the idea of combining classroom learning with industry experience, helping him build confidence in a real workplace. His exceptional personal and professional development earned him the Student of the Year: Business award at the college's 2026 Further Education Awards.



Jayden Fellows

School: Beamont Collegiate Academy

Course: T Level Business, Management & Administration

Destination: Regional Sales Development with Jungheinrich

ART & DESIGN

What can I study?

Level 1 Art & Design

Level 2 Art & Design

Level 3 Art & Design

Careers NOT Courses

- Architect
- Art Teacher
- Artist in Residence
- Gallery Manager
- Illustrator
- Jeweller
- Photographer
- Printmaker
- Product Designer
- Set Designer
- Tattoo Artist



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Why study art & design?

Tutor Mia says: “There are so many reasons to choose to study an art & design course at our college! You’ll be introduced to a huge range of art and design disciplines, giving you the freedom to experiment with materials, techniques and ideas while confidently interpreting creative briefs. I love seeing my students experiment with styles and different techniques, stepping out of their comfort zone to discover their unique artistic voice. If you are a highly creative person with a real passion for the creative arts, then this is the subject for you!”





Industry Links

The college, situated between the bustling creative hubs of Manchester and Liverpool, has strong industry links to enhance your studies. You'll have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in venues such as Warrington Museum & Art Gallery and Pyramid Arts Centre. Students have also exhibited work publicly through collaborations like the Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival.

Throughout your course, you may also take part in guest lectures, workshops, and live briefs through partnerships with organisations such as Culture Warrington, Castlefield Arts Centre, The Royal Standard, and The Whitworth Art Gallery.

Trips & Visits

Our art & design courses are designed to take you beyond the studio.

Students have embarked on trips to destinations such as Berlin, New York, and Barcelona, where they had the privilege of viewing the artwork of globally acclaimed artists.

More locally, students have visited the Tate Gallery, Manchester City Art Gallery, Liverpool Walker, Manchester's Whitworth Gallery, and The Natural History Museum to inspire their own work.



FIND OUT MORE & APPLY ONLINE!

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MEET OUR STUDENTS

“My course has made me love art even more. I’ve had loads of freedom to try out different techniques and materials, which has really helped me find my own style. The tutors are so friendly and have pushed me to do my best work.”

Elexus chose Warrington & Vale Royal College for her next step after high school because she wanted a fresh start and the opportunity to focus on her true passion for art and design. After attending an Open Evening, she was inspired by the college’s spacious, modern art studios and impressed by the wide range of industry-standard equipment available to students.



Elexus Merritt-Webster

School: The Sutton Academy

Course: Level 3 Art & Design

FASHION

What can I study?

**Level 3 Fashion,
Promotion & Styling**

Careers NOT Courses

- Fashion Designer
- Fashion Buyer
- Merchandiser
- Fashion Photographer
- Influencer
- Retail Manager
- Stylist
- Trend Forecaster



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Why study fashion?

Tutor Rebecca says: “Our fashion course at the college is particularly forward-thinking, ensuring that students leave us with the in-demand skills that they need to be ahead of the game in the ever-changing fashion industry. We offer the most industry-relevant education around, with a student-led approach and an emphasis on sustainability. The course gives a well-rounded overview of the fashion industry, covering different areas such as business, marketing, fashion-buying, and merchandising.”



Industry Links

Indisputably the fashion capital of the north, Manchester is home to some of the biggest fast fashion brands in the world. As a fashion student, you will benefit from proximity to these brands, which include Pretty Little Thing, Nasty Gal, I Saw it First, and Boohoo, as well as also having sustainable fashion flagships on your doorstep.

You will be able to develop your real-world practical experience by completing industry placements and exciting live client briefs in collaboration with local brands or fashion houses, which have recently included brands such as Acai and Matalan!

Trips & Visits

With many of the UK's top brands setting up their head offices in Manchester, such as Boohoo and Missguided, students can look forward to immersing themselves in this diverse and creative industry through visits to fashion houses, boutiques, exhibitions, and universities.



FIND OUT MORE & APPLY ONLINE!

wvr.ac.uk/16-18

MEET OUR STUDENTS

“My course has covered so many different areas of fashion, which has been really eye-opening and helped me figure out what I want to do in the future. I’ve especially enjoyed learning about marketing and would love to build a career in that after university.”

When former Great Sankey High School student Leah started her Level 3 Fashion Promotion & Styling course, going to university wasn’t part of her plan. But after visiting different universities on trips with the college, she discovered new opportunities and decided she wanted to continue her education with a degree.

Looking back on her journey, Leah feels that studying a technical course has given her a real advantage. Focusing on fashion from day one allowed her to build industry knowledge, practical skills, and confidence, helping her feel fully prepared for university and the next step towards her career.



Leah Graham

School: Great Sankey High School

Course: Level 3 Fashion Promotion & Styling

Destination: University of Salford, BA Fashion Business & Promotion

BRICKWORK

What can I study?

Level 1 Brickwork

Level 2 Brickwork

Level 3 Brickwork

Apprenticeships available!

Careers NOT Courses

- Bricklayer
- Building Maintenance
- Building Surveyor
- Project Manager
- Quantity Surveyor
- Site Manager



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Why study brickwork?

Curriculum Manager Chris says: "Our courses are the ideal starting point if you're considering a career in bricklaying. With us, you'll build a strong foundation in core brickwork skills, giving you the confidence and ability to progress to the next stage and become a skilled tradesperson. One of the most rewarding parts of my job is seeing students achieve and how proud they are of their work. I especially love entering students into competitions; it's fantastic watching them showcase their skills alongside their peers and represent the college with pride."





Industry Links

Having been awarded Construction Hub status by Forterra, our students benefit from expert insight, industry support, and access to high-quality tools and materials that enhance their learning experience.

We work closely with leading employers such as Barratt Developments, Taylor Wimpey, and Vinci Construction, giving our students valuable opportunities for industry placements and apprenticeships. Recently, students have been involved in major projects like the £69 million Warrington Times Square redevelopment and the restoration of All Saints Church.

Trips & Visits

Students will visit local and national companies such as Vinci Construction and Metsa Construction, as well as having the opportunity to experience exciting events such as UK Construction Week, which is the UK's largest built environment event.

Every year, our students also have the chance to showcase their skills in a range of competitions, going head-to-head with other local colleges in the Cheshire & Warrington Skills Competition and the prestigious Guild of Bricklayers competition.



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CARPENTRY & JOINERY

What can I study?

Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery

Level 2 Site Carpentry

Level 3 Carpentry & Joinery

Apprenticeships available!

Careers NOT Courses

- Carpenter
- Construction Manager
- Furniture Maker
- Furniture Restorer
- Joiner
- Lecturer
- Site Manager



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Why study carpentry & joinery?

Tutor James says: “If you enjoy hands-on work and want a career in the trades, our courses are the perfect place to start. You’ll learn the fundamentals of carpentry and joinery, building your confidence as you develop practical skills in everything from doors and windows to roofing, stairs, and structural frames. Your time with us will give you the experience needed to become a skilled, job-ready tradesperson.”





Industry Links

As Warrington's leading provider of technical education and skills training, it is no surprise that we work closely with leading employers, including MKM Building Supplies, Woody's, and Howdens.

These strong partnerships provide students with valuable industry placements, live project briefs, and visits to professional workplaces. They also help students develop industry-ready skills and gain experience with the latest tools, equipment, and materials.

Trips & Visits

Your course will take learning beyond the workshop, with visits to leading local and national employers, helping you build industry knowledge, professional networks, and awareness of the latest developments in the sector. You'll also have opportunities to attend UK Construction Week and showcase your skills in regional and national competitions, following in the footsteps of students who have won medals at the prestigious SkillBuild finals.



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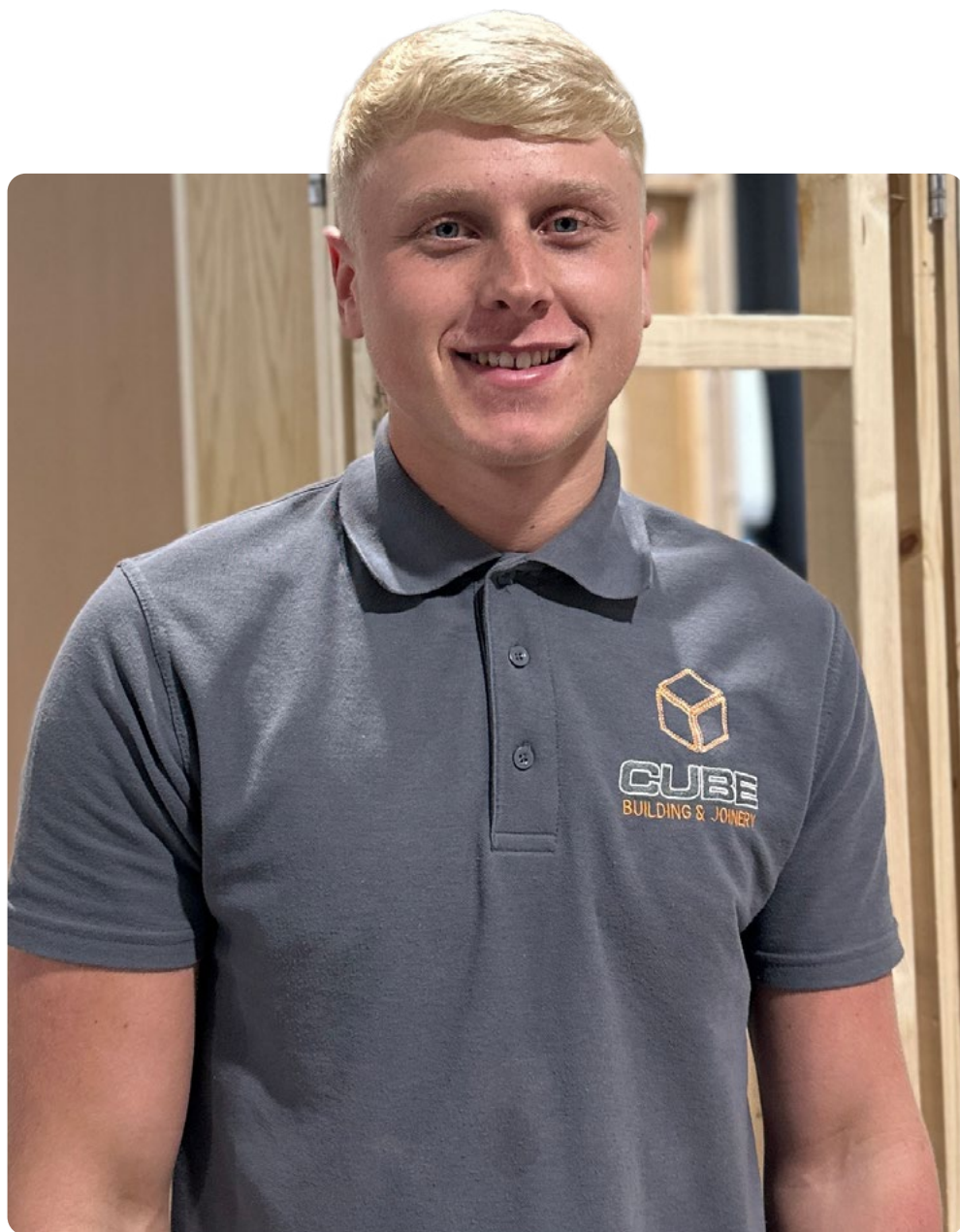
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“I’m really enjoying my apprenticeship, as I feel like the balance of time I spend on site with my employer, then in the classroom and workshop works for me. My first year in college really set me up for success, and for that I am very grateful!”

Billy began his journey at Warrington & Vale Royal College on the Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery course, but was keen that he wanted to spend the majority of his time on site and, most importantly, earning a wage! With the skills he honed in his first year, as well as his commitment to learning, he was offered a valuable apprenticeship with Cube Building & Joinery!

Billy spends 4 days a week with his employer, completing the first and second fix carpentry on houses. When he is not working, Billy spends his time studying towards his nationally recognised qualification with the college, where he is building his technical skills, as well as his professionalism and customer service.



Billy Hughes

School: Great Sankey High School

Course: Level 2 Carpentry & Joinery Apprenticeship

CONSTRUCTION DESIGN SURVEYING & PLANNING

What can I study?

**T Level Construction Design,
Surveying & Planning**

Careers NOT Courses

- Architect
- Civil Engineer
- Electrical Designer
- Estimator
- Health & Safety Manager
- Mechanical Designer
- Project Manager
- Site Manager
- Quantity Surveyor



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Why study construction design, surveying & planning?

Curriculum Director Dave says: "This exciting T Level in Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction gives you a strong foundation in the built environment, combining classroom learning with real industry experience. Over two years, you'll gain the knowledge, practical skills, and specialist expertise needed to pursue careers in areas like civil engineering, surveying, and design. You will leave the college with a highly sought-after qualification that will open doors to wherever your ambitions take you."



DESIGN ANNING



Construction
& Civil Engineering
Academy

Industry Links

On this course, you will benefit from strong links with leading employers such as Civils & Lintels, Galliford Try, Vinci Construction, and United Utilities.

You will participate in a range of guest talks and site visits, giving you valuable insight into the industry and helping build connections with potential employers.

Past students have completed incredible industry placements that have made a lasting impact on our local area, including the Winwick Road improvements project with Balfour Beatty and National Highways.

Trips & Visits

Take part in trips to construction sites and employers, helping you explore career paths and see the industry in action.

Most trips happen in your second year, so you can visit places that match your interests and gain experience beyond the classroom.



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“I’m really enjoying my T Level, and it’s helping me to prepare for the world of work. The most valuable skills I’ve gained are Computer Aided Design (CAD) and technical drawing, which will be vital for my ideal career in architecture and design.”

Former Padgate Academy student Moyo is not only thoroughly enjoying his course, but also the welcoming college community, which played a big part in his decision to study at Warrington & Vale Royal College. He loves how the college helps everyone to settle in and make friends, ensuring that “no one is left out and everyone finds their people.”



Moyo Arenyeka

School: Padgate Academy

Course: T Level Construction Design, Surveying & Planning

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

What can I study?

Level 1 Electrical Installation

Level 2 Electrical Installation

Level 3 Electrical Installation

Apprenticeships available!

Careers NOT Courses

- Alarm Fitting & Security Systems Engineer
- Building Maintenance
- Electrical Engineer
- Electrician
- Site Manager
- Test Engineer



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Why electrical installation?

Tutor Glyn says: “Future sparkies, this is where it all starts. In our fully equipped workshops, you’ll get hands-on with real tools and technology while learning everything from wiring and testing to installing lighting and power circuits. Alongside the practical work, you’ll build your knowledge of electrical science, safety, and how the industry works, giving you the skills and confidence to kickstart your career in this exciting trade.”





Industry Links

Through our connections with top employers like Schneider Electric and DeWalt, students have access to valuable placements and potential apprenticeship opportunities.

Industry experts regularly visit college to share real insights and demonstrate the latest equipment, so you can keep up-to-date with recent industry changes and learn directly from professionals in the field.

Trips & Visits

You can engage with local businesses through a range of trips and extra training opportunities, visiting places like the Aico Training Centre where you gain specialist skills in alarms and safety systems.

You can also compete in the Cheshire & Warrington Skills Competition, showcasing your skills against other colleges.



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PLUMBING

What can I study?

Level 1 Plumbing

Level 2 Plumbing

Level 3 Plumbing

Careers NOT Courses

- Air Conditioning Installer
- Heating & Ventilation Engineer
- Building Maintenance
- Pipefitter
- Gas Engineer
- Plumber



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Why study plumbing?

Tutor Tom says: “If you wish to become a successful plumber or heating engineer, our courses will equip you with the knowledge, skills, and experience you need to become a first-class tradesperson. With advances in technology and the transition to greener energy solutions, plumbers and heating engineers are becoming increasingly sought-after skilled professionals. As demand for these essential trades continues to grow, there has never been a better time to consider a career in the industry!”





Industry Links

The college works with many local and national trades companies such as Aquila Plumbing and Ocean Bathrooms, as well as manufacturers such as Screwfix, MKM, Monument Tools, and Nerrad Tools.

Students can expect to interact with these employers through demonstrations and workshops, industry placements, and live briefs, giving them unique opportunities to learn on-the-job skills and network with potential future employers.

Trips & Visits

As a result of the college's strong partnerships with businesses such as H2O and Plumbase, you will have the opportunity to take part in a range of educational visits to workplaces and showrooms, gaining valuable on-site experience that enhances your learning and develops your industry knowledge.



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DIGITAL & IT

What can I study?

Combination Pathway:

V Level Digital Systems & Data,
A Level Business Studies,
A Level Psychology

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Careers NOT Courses

- App Developer
- Artificial Intelligence Engineer
- Cyber Security Officer
- Data Analyst
- IT Technician
- Network Engineer
- Software Developer
- Web Developer



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Why study digital?

Curriculum Manager Jayne says: "This college is the perfect place to come and study a digital pathway! We are always on the cutting-edge of training for the most in-demand sectors, and digital is no different. Our students, who will study in our purpose-built Advanced Creative & Digital Skills Academy, will leave us with a stand-out set of qualifications and a thorough understanding of digital fundamentals, data management, cyber security, software and app development, and emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI)!"





Industry Links

We bring the digital industry into the classroom through exciting guest speaker sessions, live briefs, and real-world experiences. Students work on projects for local charities, visit leading universities, and attend industry-focused events to explore future opportunities.

We have built strong partnerships with globally recognised employers, including Barclays, Siemens, and Fujitsu, giving students valuable insight into the latest industry trends, technologies, and career pathways.

Trips & Visits

In addition to the trips to different workplaces and local IT-centred businesses, students can enjoy various enrichment trips throughout the year.

Past students have taken their learning beyond the classroom, with trips to the National Science and Media Museum, Bury Arcade, and the Northwest Computer Museum, to name but a few.



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EARLY YEARS

What can I study?

Level 2 Early Years Practitioner

**T Level Education & Early Years:
Early Years Educator**

**T Level Education & Childcare:
Assistant Teaching**

Combination Pathways:

NEW!

- Level 3 Childhood Studies & AS Psychology
- V Level Education, AS Psychology
- V Level Education, A Level Psychology, Level 3 Health & Social Care
- V Level Education, A Level Psychology, A Level Sociology

Careers NOT Courses

- Children's Nurse
- Childminder
- Early Intervention Worker
- Early Years Educator
- Family Support Worker
- Nursery Practitioner
- Play Therapist
- School Teacher
- Special Needs Assistant
- Youth Worker



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Why study early years?

Tutor Rebecca says: "Our early years courses are the perfect first step into a rewarding career working with young children. You'll develop essential skills like communication, leadership, and professional practice, while building a strong understanding of child development, giving you the confidence and knowledge to support and inspire young learners from the very start. We also work with a huge range of local nurseries and primary schools, giving our students unmatched opportunities to gain real experience, which makes our Health & Social Care Academy the best place to begin a career in early years!"





Industry Links

Gain real experience working with children through industry placements with nurseries, schools, and childcare settings like Bright Futures, Dunky's Day Nursery, and Warrington Borough Council.

Throughout the course, you will meet professional guest speakers such as nursery managers and representatives from the University of Chester, to learn about the different roles and career prospects available.

Trips & Visits

As well as spending time in the college's simulation day nursery, you will immerse yourself in the early years sector with trips to local primary schools and nurseries, while underpinning your knowledge with visits to places like The International Slavery Museum, UCAS Convention, Early Years Practitioner Conference, Eureka Museum, and various education events.

You could even have the chance to travel to destinations like London or abroad, making your learning fun, hands-on, and memorable.



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“The topics we have covered have been so interesting. I have loved my placement and, through the projects we’ve completed in class, I have made amazing friends for life! Now, I feel super prepared for university thanks to the staff and amazing environment at the college.”

Keira has loved every minute of her time as a student at Warrington & Vale Royal College!

Throughout her course, she has thrown herself into every opportunity, demonstrating just how much her confidence has grown in the two years she has spent studying at the college’s purpose-built Health & Social Care Academy. As well as gaining a nationally recognised qualification, Kiera has made lifelong friends, and is now fully prepared for her next step at Liverpool John Moores University.



Keira Marshall

School: Hope Academy

Course: T Level Early Years: Early Years Educator

ENGINEERING

What can I study?

Level 2 Mechanical Engineering (PEO)

Level 3 Engineering

T Level Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing & Control: Toolmaking Technologies

Apprenticeships available!

Careers NOT Courses

- Automotive Engineer
- CAD Technician
- Design Engineer
- Electrical Engineer
- Maintenance Fitter
- Mechanical Engineer
- Systems Engineer
- Welder & Fabricator



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Why study engineering?

Curriculum Manager Jade says: "Engineering is a great choice if you want a career with endless progression opportunities! You'll learn how to use industry-standard equipment, develop practical techniques, and build your understanding of how things work - from core engineering principles to real-world applications. Whether you choose a technical course, T Level, or apprenticeship route, you'll gain the skills, experience, and confidence employers are looking for."





Industry Links

Work with top employers like AstraZeneca, Sellafield, and Schneider Electric through workshops, demonstrations, and guest talks, to help you understand the industry first-hand.

Trips & Visits

Throughout your course, you will have the opportunity to make several visits to engineering employers.

With many high-profile employers based locally, including AstraZeneca in Macclesfield, and ThermoFisher Scientific in Warrington, students at the college benefit from regular interactions with top-name employers through site visits and valuable industry placements.



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FOUNDATION LEARNING

What can I study?

Level 1 Vocational Studies

- Introduction to Construction
- Introduction to Creative Arts
- Introduction to Child & Health Care
- Introduction to Hospitality & Catering

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL 16-19)

Step into College Level 1*

Step up to Level 3*

**Step up and Step into courses are completely flexible and have multiple start dates throughout the year.*



Also available at
Winsford campus!

Careers NOT Courses

The possibilities are endless following your foundation learning course, as it has been designed to be the perfect step between school and your college course.



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Why study foundation learning?

Tutor Esther, says: “If you’re not quite ready for a full-time technical course, our foundation learning department is the perfect place to start. You’ll build your confidence, improve your English and maths, try out different subject areas, and gain real work experience, all with the support you need to succeed. Remember, it’s not where you start, it’s where you end up!”





Scan here to view our
Foundation Learning video!



Industry Links

As a foundation learning student, you'll get the chance to visit workplaces and learn what different jobs are really like.

Our courses link with employers such as Taylor Wimpey and David Wilson Homes, and you may gain hands-on experience in real settings like our Wellbeing Community Café in Orford.

Trips & Visits

From the start of your course, you'll take part in a range of trips and visits, and you'll even help choose where you go! These experiences are designed to build your confidence, communication, and social skills while giving you new opportunities to develop and see what your next steps may be.

Recent trips have included Delamere Forest, The Lowry, Manchester United's The Cliff, the Science & Industry Museum, and Blackpool Zoo.



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GRAPHIC DESIGN

What can I study?

Level 2 Graphic Design

**Level 3 Graphic Design
& Illustration**

Careers NOT Courses

- Brand Developer
- Digital Illustrator
- Editorial Designer
- Games Illustrator
- Graphic Designer
- Marketing Officer
- Motion Graphics Designer



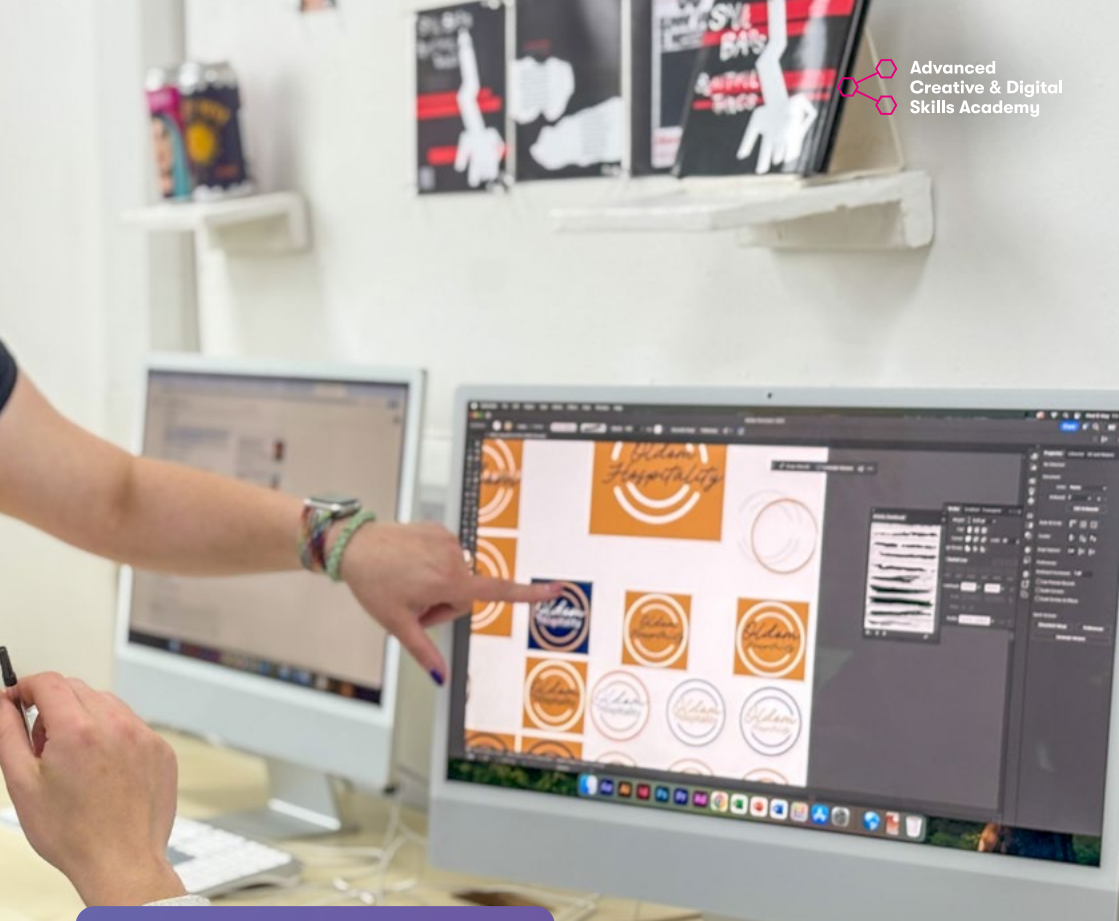
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Why study graphic design?

Tutor Ellie says: “Graphic design is all about using creativity to communicate ideas in a bold, visual way. On our courses, you’ll build the skills you need for the creative industries through hands-on projects and real industry briefs. We’ll thoroughly explore graphic design and digital illustration while learning to use professional tools such as Photoshop and Illustrator on industry-standard equipment. At the college, you will grow your confidence, creativity, and prepare for a career in this competitive industry.”





Industry Links

Throughout the course, you'll work with local businesses and community groups on live projects.

Students previously have rebranded the Warrington Family Centres for Warrington Borough Council, created branding for Mama's Cupcakes, designed event materials for Warrington VIP, and produced a history book for Warrington Town Hall, now used as part of interactive activities for primary school visits.

Trips & Visits

As part of live briefs and employer projects, students have multiple enriching interactions outside of the classroom, meeting with clients on-site and planning projects, exhibitions and showcases.

Students have previously travelled to cities around the UK to discover inspiration for their projects, capturing photographs of architecture and experiencing branding in the real-world.



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“The tutors on my course are incredibly supportive and always go the extra mile to help whenever I need guidance. They have encouraged me to work on projects beyond my college studies and have helped me to build a professional portfolio.”

Former Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School pupil Lucas, chose Warrington & Vale Royal College because the course aligned with his passion for graphic design and digital art.

Alongside his studies, Lucas is part of a go karting team and runs a small business designing and selling posters for fellow drivers and teammates, combining his passion for motorsport and photography while developing his graphic design skills!



Lucas Steele

School: Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School

Course: Level 2 Graphic Design & Illustration

GAMES DESIGN

What can I study?

Level 2 Games Design

**Level 3 Games Design
& Animation**

Careers NOT Courses

- 3D Artist/Animator
- Animator
- Game Designer
- Games Tester
- Game Artist
- Producer
- Sound Designer
- UI Designer
- VR/AR Developer



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Why study games design?

Tutor Shannon says: "It's great to see students turn their love of gaming into real career goals. On our courses, you will build your skills and confidence while using industry-standard software such as Maya. Our college has an incredible partnership with 10:10 Games, giving you the chance to work on real games and exclusive projects you won't find anywhere else. With plenty of hands-on projects and live briefs, you will leave us with everything you need to kick-start a career in the games industry."





Industry Links

Students will take part in exciting live projects and briefs, working with real game developers and industry guests to build your skills and understand how the industry works.

You'll also get the exclusive chance to work with Warrington-based studio 10:10 Games, helping to develop a real game demo. This gives you valuable experience for your CV, direct feedback from professionals, and the chance to build connections and secure sought-after placement opportunities.

Recently, students created their own games and hosted a Game Jam charity event, raising over £1,000 for SpecialEffect and putting their technical skills to use in support of a good cause.

Trips & Visits

During your course, you will have the chance to go on a range of exciting trips that bring the gaming industry to life. These can include visits to places like Bury Arcade Club, Cineworld, and local gaming events, where you can explore new technologies and meet industry professionals.

You'll also visit universities to find out about your next steps.



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CREATIVE & DIGITAL MEDIA

What can I study?

Level 1 Creative & Digital Media

Level 2 Creative & Digital Media

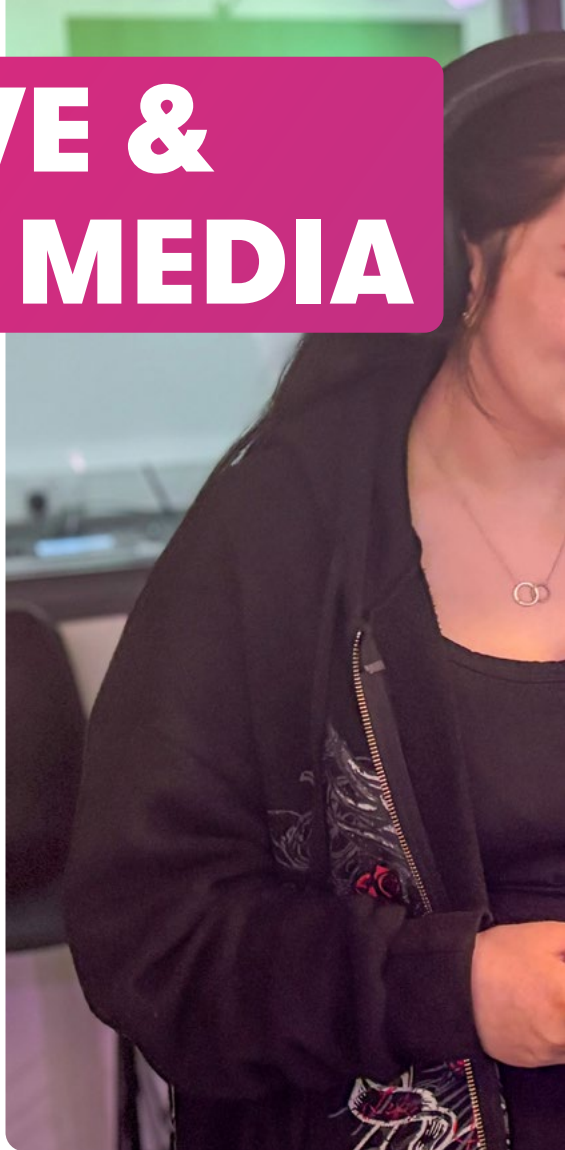
Level 3 Creative Media Practice

Careers NOT Courses

- Camera Operator
- Content Developer
- Editorial Assistant
- Film Director
- Programme Researcher
- Social Media Manager
- Sound Mixer
- TV Producer
- Video Editor



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Why study creative & digital media?

Tutor Jess says: “If you love being creative, these courses are your chance to turn those ideas into real skills! You will be filming, editing, making podcasts, and even creating your own social media campaigns. You’ll get hands-on experience and build the kind of portfolio that sets you up for a career in the fast-moving world of digital media.”





Industry Links

Gain hands-on experience working on live briefs and industry placements, using professional studios and software to create films, podcasts, and campaigns.

Throughout your time at college, you will be able to work on projects with brands such as TEDx, Warrington Wolves, and ITV, helping to build the skills and experience that make a CV truly stand out.

Trips & Visits

By studying creative & digital media at Warrington & Vale Royal College, you are right on the doorstep of the UK's creative northern hub!

Students have many opportunities to get inspired with trips to MediaCityUK, the National Science and Media Museum, as well as doing shoots 'on location' with local organisations like Warrington Rylands FC.



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“What I enjoy most about studying at this college is the excellent facilities and the support from my tutors. The variety of equipment and software we get to use is really impressive, and I feel like having these skills on my CV is the one thing that will ensure I stand out when I come to start my career!”

Inspired by her GCSE in Media and her dream of becoming a world-class film producer, Leah enrolled on Level 3 Creative & Digital Media - the perfect choice for her post-16 education.

So far on her course, Leah has learned effective camera operation and has become a master at Premiere Pro, arming her with some of the most in-demand skills in the media sector.



Leah Daniels-Boyle

School: Culcheth High School

Course: Level 3 Creative & Digital Media

HAIRDRESSING

What can I study?

Level 1 Hairdressing

Level 2 Hairdressing

Level 3 Hairdressing

Careers NOT Courses

- Assessor
- Bridal Hair Specialist
- Colour Technician
- Hairdresser
- Salon Manager
- Salon Owner
- Stylist



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Why study hairdressing?

Tutor Kara says: “I love supporting students as they grow in confidence, developing from basic techniques to creative, professional styling. It’s incredibly rewarding to pass on my industry experience. Our courses are very in-depth, and our students leave with all the skills they need to begin a successful hairdressing career!”





Industry Links

The Academy salon benefits from an impressive number of industry connections; from small local salons to national hotel chains, and a host of well-established product suppliers.

Every year, guest speakers and hairdressing professionals from leading brands visit the college to provide specialist training workshops and masterclasses with names including Elementum and Dennis Williams.

We are also proud partners with ASP Expert Haircare and HABIA: The Hair and Beauty Industry Authority, giving our students unrivalled exposure to networking opportunities, as well as the opportunity to win awards.

Trips & Visits

As well as working in our weekly open salon, you will get the opportunity to visit trade shows and exhibitions to learn about the latest developments and exciting products from top suppliers.

Students are encouraged to take part in exciting competitions, including the AHT Competition at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool and a range of skills competitions.



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HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

What can I study?

Level 1 Health, Social & Childcare

Level 2 Health & Social Care

Level 3 Health & Social Care

T Level Health: Adult Nursing

Combination Pathways:

- Level 3 Health & Social Care, A Level Psychology, A Level Sociology
- Level 3 Health & Social Care, AS Psychology
- Level 3 Health & Social Care, AS Sociology
- V level Education, A Level Psychology, Level 3 Health & Social Care

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Careers NOT Courses

- Care Worker
- Counsellor
- Medical Technician
- Mental Health Nurse
- Midwife
- Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Paramedic
- Physiotherapist
- Psychologist
- Social Worker



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Why study health & social care?

Tutor Rachel says: “If you’re passionate about helping others and want a course that makes a real difference, one of our health & social care pathways would be a great choice. You’ll learn how people grow and develop while building the skills needed for real care settings. With clear progression routes and options like social work and A Level Psychology, you can shape your future, whether that’s a career as a nurse, paramedic or counsellor, or moving on to university. We’ll support you every step of the way.”





Industry Links

We have strong links with local employers, hospitals, care homes and primary schools, giving you a real insight into the industry.

Students have completed placements with organisations such as Warrington & Halton NHS Trust, Paramedic Cadets, St. Rocco's Hospice, Catalyst Choices, Bright Futures, and MacIntyre; building valuable hands-on skills.

Trips & Visits

As well as spending time in the college's purpose-built simulation hospital ward and assisted living flat, you'll have plenty of opportunities for trips and visits, including exhibitions at places like the International Slavery Museum, Manchester Museum, Disneyland Paris, and the UCAS Convention, alongside placements, first aid training, and visits to local universities.

Most recently, our health & social care students went to Sri Lanka, for a two-week placement in a Galle National Hospital, taking care of patients and going into an operating theatre to watch real procedures take place!



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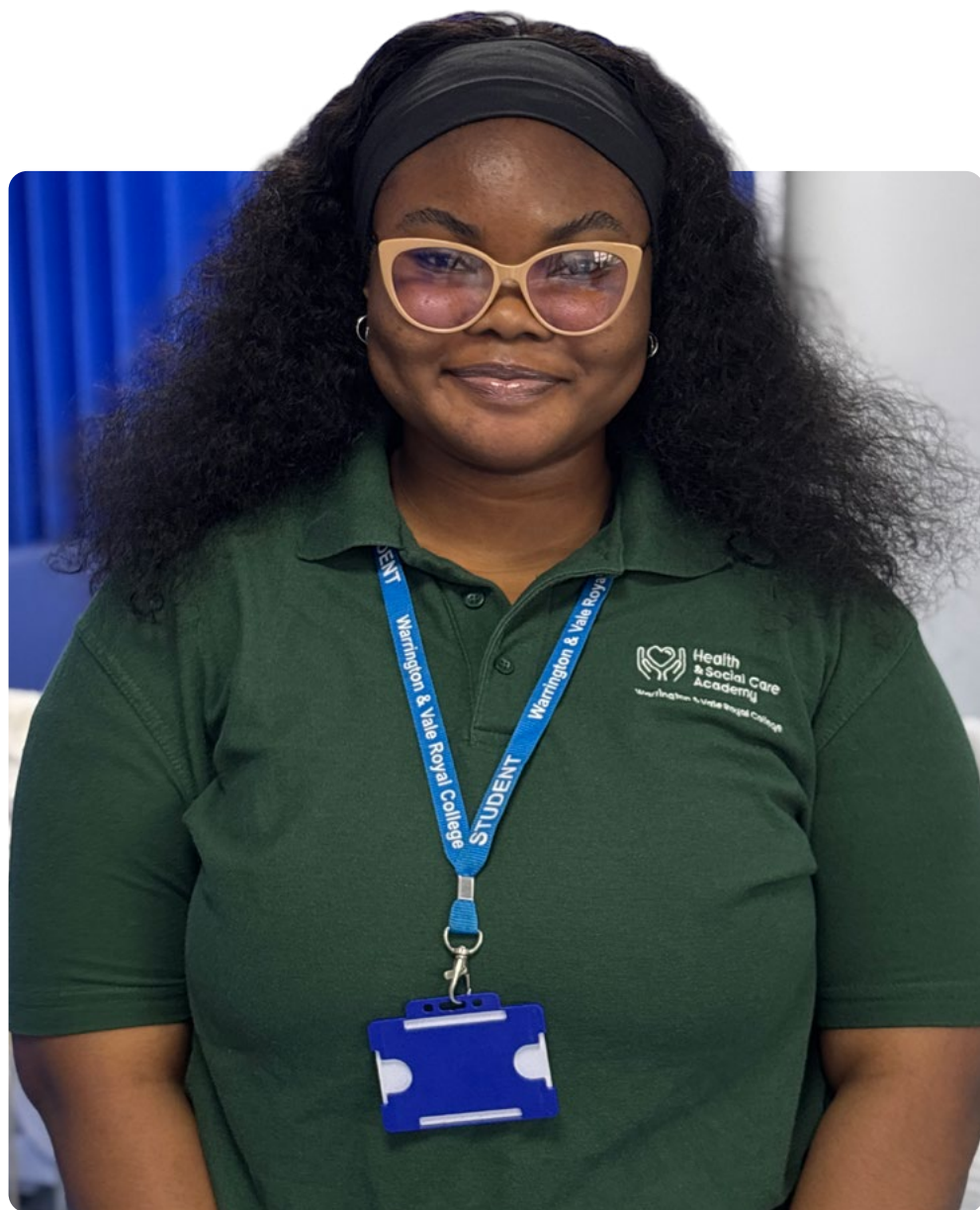
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“I would 100% recommend this course to anyone interested in working in the health and social care sector. The support from my tutors has been amazing and has helped me develop my skills and confidence. I now feel fully prepared and excited to start my university journey.”

Mercy chose a T Level in Health because she had a lifelong ambition to work in the healthcare sector and always wanted a career where she could help others. The opportunity to gain real-world experience in a healthcare setting made the course the perfect fit.

Now, at the end of two years of study and a 315 hour industry placement, Mercy is moving on to the University of Chester armed with the skills and knowledge needed to pursue her dream career.



Mercy Asaolu

School: Seed of Grace High School

Course: T Level Health: Adult Nursing

Destination: University of Chester, BSc Adult Nursing

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

What can I study?

Level 1 Culinary Skills

Level 2 Culinary Skills

Level 3 Advanced Professional Cookery

Careers NOT Courses

- Chef
- Maître d'
- Baker
- Cake Decorator
- Hotel/ Restaurant Manager
- Butcher



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Why study hospitality & catering?

Tutor Paul says: “We have made sure that our hospitality & catering courses stand out because we not only focus on the fundamental methods of food preparation and service, but we also provide students with practical experience in running our on-site restaurant, Buckley’s. Thinking about the future of the industry, we have put a strong emphasis on sustainability, ethical sourcing, and the use of local and seasonal ingredients, ensuring our students leave us fully prepared for their culinary career.”





Industry Links

As well as working in our on-site restaurant, Buckley's, you can participate in placements with employers such as The Kirkwood Hotel, Australasia restaurant, the Art School Restaurant, and Brunning & Price Inns. We ensure that your course is full of opportunities to learn from the best, including former students who have gone on to be incredibly successful in the field.

Trips & Visits

A hospitality & catering course can take you across the country on various restaurant and hotel visits, or even overseas to indulge in an European culinary experience.

Students also have the opportunity to compete against other colleges in prestigious events such as the International Wine & Food Society's Young Chef and Young Sommelier competitions - many of our students have frequently excelled and even secured top awards.



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“I have grown so much at college, been on tonnes of trips and really pushed myself to take part in competitions. I thought college was going to be scary, but it couldn’t have been further from that. I have made friends for life.”

When Mollie-Ann first considered college, she felt nervous about leaving school and starting somewhere new. But from day one at Warrington & Vale Royal College, she found a welcoming environment where she could build confidence, make friends, and develop her skills.

Studying hospitality & catering gave Mollie-Ann access to a range of exciting opportunities, including trips, competitions, and hands-on learning experiences. Her talent in the kitchen led to an incredible opportunity to compete in the CombiGuru Challenge, an international culinary competition in Italy. Despite never having travelled abroad before, Mollie-Ann embraced the challenge and went on to beat more than 40 young chefs, winning a Gold Award for her exceptional steak dish.



Mollie-Ann McCardell

School: Padgate Academy

Course: Level 3 Advanced Professional Cookery

Destination: Chef at Fuel Hub

MOTOR VEHICLE

What can I study?

**Level 1 Motor Vehicle
Maintenance**

**Level 2 Motor Vehicle
Maintenance & Repair**

**Level 3 Motor Vehicle
Maintenance & Repair**

Apprenticeships available!

Careers NOT Courses

- Vehicle Technician
- Motorcycle Mechanic
- Breakdown Engineer
- Garage Manager
- Car Detailer
- Motorsport Engineer
- Robotics Engineer



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Why study motor vehicle?

Curriculum Manager Daniel says: "This course is ideal for those looking for a way to turn a passion for motor vehicles into a career. We offer a range of levels and course types, allowing you to find a style of learning which suits you best. Our courses cover a wide range of topics, ranging from engine technology, electrics, braking systems, vehicle maintenance, MOT specifications, and engineering, so that by the end of your course, you are officially up to speed with all things cars."





Industry Links

We have strong links with local automotive businesses such as Prestige Motors, Jungheinrich, and Rix Motors, along with many local garages in Warrington, St Helens, and Leigh.

Through these connections, our students benefit from guest talks, workshops, and demonstrations as well as work experience. These links have historically proved vital for many of our students who have been offered apprenticeships and employment after impressing our network of employers!

Trips & Visits

Motor vehicle students have the opportunity to go on a range of exciting trips.

In the past, these have included watching race cars at the NEC Auto Sports show, visiting factories such as the Vauxhall factory in Ellesmere Port, and spending time at local garages to learn the intricacies of the skills required to succeed in this sector.



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“When I finished my GCSEs, I was torn between A Levels and a more practical route. Choosing this college was the best decision for me. I’ve gained so much knowledge and experience, and the support from my tutors has helped me take the next step towards my career.”

After leaving St Gregory’s Catholic High School, Daisy joined Warrington & Vale Royal College to pursue her passion for working with cars. She swiftly secured an incredible placement with Škoda, allowing her to gain valuable, on the job experience, and giving her the opportunity to practice the skills she had learned on her course in a real-world setting.

Daisy’s drive during an industry placement stood out to the team at Ashcroft Auto Centre, who offered her a sought-after apprenticeship, meaning that she is now being paid to do what she loves at the age of just 17!



Daisy Rose

School: St Gregory's Catholic High School

Course: Level 3 Motor Vehicle & Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship

Destination: Ashcroft Auto Centre

PERFORMING ARTS

What can I study?

**Level 2 Acting
& Musical Theatre**

**Level 3 Acting
& Musical Theatre**

Level 2 Dance

Level 3 Dance

Careers NOT Courses

- Actor
- Dancer
- Producer
- Stage Manager
- Theatre Director
- Theatre Technician
- Voice Actor



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Why study performing arts?

Tutor Amy says “Our highly practical performing arts courses are designed for those ready to shine on stage or play a vital role behind the scenes. As a student, you’ll become part of our energetic performing arts company, where actors and dancers collaborate to create something truly special. Together, you’ll take part in four ambitious, large-scale productions each year, giving you real experience of working in a professional, creative environment and the confidence to pursue your passion.”



Industry Links

Through our exclusive partnership with the Liverpool Empire, students have the opportunity to perform in large-scale productions while developing their skills through workshops and Q&A sessions led by industry professionals, including West End performers, directors and BBC scriptwriters. These experiences help students build confidence, expand their creative skillset and stand out at auditions.

To support progression, students take part in bespoke audition preparation workshops delivered by leading universities and specialist performing arts institutions, including The Hammond, BIMM University, LIPA and Edge Hill University. These opportunities help them feel confident and prepared for their next step into higher education or a career on stage and screen.

Trips & Visits

Students have the chance to visit national theatres, dance studios and professional performance venues, gaining valuable insight into the work of leading performers and creatives.

Through our partnership with Liverpool Empire, students benefit from discounted tickets and exclusive experiences with industry professionals, including backstage tours and immersive workshops delivered by organisations such as Disney, the English National Ballet, and Andrew Lloyd Webber's theatre company LW Theatres.

In recent years, our students have performed as part of the Eurovision Song Contest celebrations in Liverpool, and were invited to participate in Warrington's annual Pride celebrations, showcasing talent within the local community.



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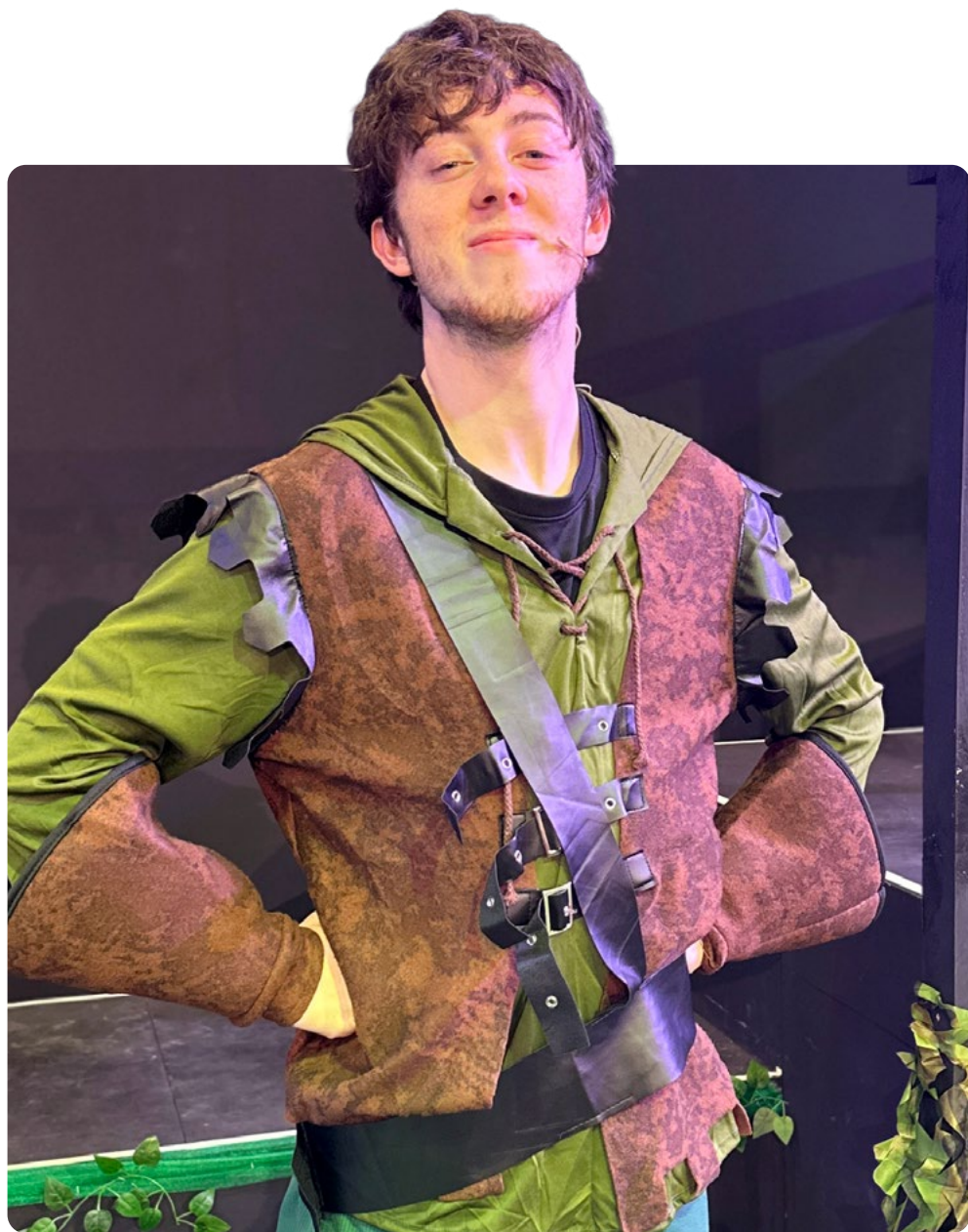
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“I’ve really enjoyed my time at college. From performing in productions to taking part in industry visits, there are so many opportunities to experience what the sector is really like. It’s helped me meet new people and build my confidence.”

No stranger to the spotlight, Dylan has established himself as one of the college’s standout performers, securing the title role in two recent productions, *Robin Hood* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. These achievements, as well as recently receiving the Student of the Year: Performing Arts award at the college’s 2026 Further Education Awards, reflect the remarkable growth in his skills, confidence and stage presence.

Dylan now plans to take a gap year before pursuing a place at one of the UK’s prestigious drama schools.



Dylan Little

School: Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School

Course: Level 3 Acting & Musical Theatre

SKILLS FOR INDEP LIFE & WORK

What can I study?

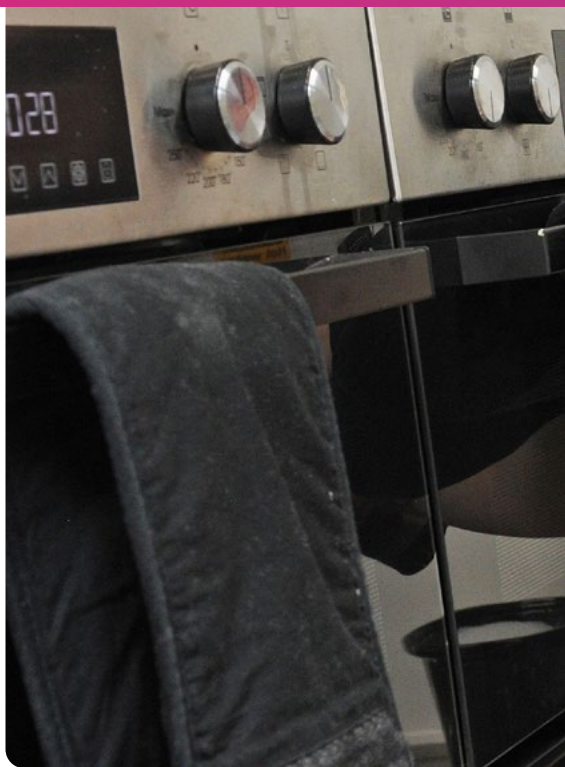
Entry 2 Skills for Independence

Entry 3 Personal & Social Development

Level 1 Personal & Social Development

Careers NOT Courses

These courses are the perfect starting point and open doors to a huge range of courses, with most students progressing on to a level 1 or level 2 course in the subject area they enjoy the most.



Why study skills for independence, life & work?

Tutor Sarah says: “These courses offer a supportive and welcoming introduction to college life. Designed for students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), as well as those who would benefit from a gentler transition into further education, it provides the skills, confidence, and support needed to succeed. Our dedicated team of tutors will support you to increase your independence, explore your future ambitions and develop your interpersonal skills, too!”



DEPENDENCE,

Industry Links

Industry placements are key for students on our Skills for Independence, Life and Work courses! They are supported throughout their placement journey, which begins internally through our Orford Community Hub before progressing to external opportunities with employers.

The college has strong links with organisations including Warrington Hospital, Amazon, Warrington Borough Council, Warrington Market, and The Engine Rooms in Birchwood. These partnerships provide students with opportunities to take part in guest talks, workplace visits, and industry placements, helping them develop valuable skills and gain real-world experience.

Trips & Visits

In addition to the trips to different workplaces and businesses, students can enjoy various enrichment trips throughout the year.

These have included Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Blackpool Tower, Chester Zoo and more. Each year, students are asked which trips they would like to see, helping to create a diverse course that reflects our students' interests and aspirations.



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SPORT

What can I study?

Level 2 Sport

**Level 2 Sport Employment
Ready Programme**

**Level 3 Sport & Physical
Activity**

Careers NOT Courses

- Athlete
- Personal trainer
- Sport club management
- Referee
- Sports coach
- Outdoor activities instructor
- PE teacher
- Fitness instructor



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Why study sport?

Tutor Louise says: “The sports sector is a dynamic and diverse industry, offering a wide range of career opportunities for those interested in sport, fitness, health, and leisure. With sport and physical activity playing such a big role in our lives, it is no surprise that sport is such a popular choice at our college! Our courses will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the human body, its capabilities, and the many disciplines within the sports industry, helping you to develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to progress into the sport and fitness sector.”





Industry Links

Warrington & Vale Royal College has been awarded Enhanced Partner status by CIMSPA, the only college in the North West to achieve this prestigious recognition. It highlights the college's exceptional teaching, strong industry relevance, and commitment to delivering high-quality learning experiences for all students.

During your course, you will have the opportunity to work with a range of local sport-related employers, including the likes of the Warrington Wolves Foundation, gyms and leisure centres, as well as completing activities with local schools through the Warrington School Sports Partnerships.

Trips & Visits

Sport courses can take students around the world, offering incredible opportunities to work with organisations such as Benfica FC, while more recently students travelled to Sri Lanka for two weeks of volunteer coaching.

Students also enjoy exciting trips throughout the year to world-class sporting venues such as the English Institute of Sport Sheffield and the Manchester Velodrome, alongside the chance to experience live sport at iconic venues such as Old Trafford.



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“I am so glad I chose this college. My course has been everything I hoped it would be. From the fun and varied practical activities, to the supportive tutors, and the friends I have made along the way, I would recommend it to anyone!”

Since starting at the college, Chloe’s outstanding dedication to her studies and passion for sport has shone through, both in the classroom and as the captain of the college’s girls’ football team. She recently won the Student of the Year: Sport award at the college’s 2026 Further Education Awards, thanks to her consistent hard work, exemplary attitude to learning, and the growth she has demonstrated in the two years she has spent as part of the college’s sporting community.

Chloe’s ambition has always been to become a PE teacher, as she is passionate about the transformative impact of sport at a young age. Her course has really helped to reaffirm this goal, and she particularly enjoyed the work her class did supporting SEND children through the Warrington’s School Sport Partnership.



Chloe Forbes

School: Culcheth High School

Course: Level 3 Sport & Physical Activity

Destination: HNC Sports & Exercise Sciences at Warrington
& Vale Royal College

MILITARY & EMERGENCY SERVICES

What can I study?

Level 2 Military & Emergency Services

Level 3 Military & Emergency Services

Careers NOT Courses

- Police Officer
- Security Manager
- RAF/Navy/Army Officer
- Court Usher
- Firefighter

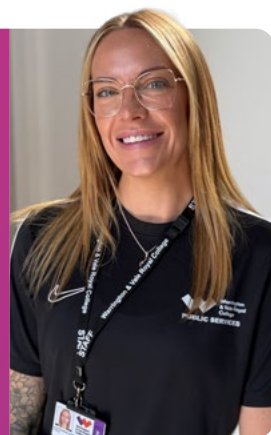


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Why study military & emergency services?

Tutor Laura says: “You will take part in a physical and active course, developing the skills and attributes essential for securing a role within the uniformed services. Alongside the practical elements, you will underpin your studies with theoretical learning, exploring topics such as public safety, terrorism and conflict, criminality, and the important role that public services play in today’s society. This combination of practical experience and academic study will prepare you for progression into a wide range of careers within the sector.”



VICES



Industry Links

A core component of this course is its industry links with guest speakers, workshops, and trips involving the Army, RAF, Royal Navy, Police, Fire Service, and NHS recruitment teams. Working with our public sector partners provides you with information and tailored support on recruitment, selection, training, and assessment processes.

Trips & Visits

These action-packed courses involve lots of experiences outside of the classroom, with trips to places such as Low Mill Outdoor Centre in the Yorkshire Dales, the Imperial War Museum, and Whitegate Way.

Students have previously had the chance to try riot training with Cheshire Police and with the Army Reserve Unit, where they took on challenges similar to the Army selection process.



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“I have really enjoyed the physical aspects of the course, particularly learning about fitness testing for different public services. Understanding these essential benchmarks helped me prepare for the assessments required to join the Army, and I’m delighted to say that I have now been successful in securing my place.”

Harvey’s time at college has been a journey of personal growth, new friendships, and achieving his ambitions. Through his dedication to his studies, he developed the skills and confidence needed to pursue his chosen career path. Thanks to his hard work, Harvey is now undertaking his initial Army training, taking the first steps towards the future he always hoped to achieve.



Harvey Porter

School: Rudheath Senior Academy

Course: Level 3 Military & Emergency Services

Destination: British Army

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

What can I study?

Preparation for Supported Employment

Supported Internship

Current host organisations include Warrington Hospital, GXO City Plumbing, and GXO Iceland, where you will experience of a range of roles and responsibilities.

Careers NOT Courses

These courses are designed to prepare you for the world of work, regardless of the sector or role you choose, meaning the opportunities are endless. Progression routes may include paid employment, apprenticeships, or voluntary work. You will also develop the skills and confidence needed to live more independently and succeed in the workplace.



Why do a Supported Internship?

Tutor Sara says: “Step into the exciting world of work with our Supported Internship courses! Develop the practical skills, confidence, and independence needed to succeed in the workplace, while enhancing your CV to attract potential employers. As part of your Supported Internship, you will complete a substantial work placement in a sector that interests and inspires you most. With support from your dedicated Internship Coordinator, Job Coach, and tutors, you will receive personalised guidance, workshops, and coaching to help you become employment ready.”





Industry Links

We have established links with numerous employers across Warrington and the surrounding areas. Previous students have successfully completed work placements with organisations such as Warrington Borough Council, IKEA, Nando's, Amazon, Warrington Market, The Engine Rooms at Birchwood Park, Balfour Beatty, and a range of smaller independent businesses.

If you have a preferred sector or career pathway in mind, we can also support you in finding a meaningful placement with a local employer that reflects your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

Trips & Visits

Visits to businesses and employers are an essential part of these courses, giving you the opportunity to experience real working environments first-hand and gain an understanding of how different organisations operate.

You will take part in a range of activities, including guest speaker sessions, workplace visits, social enterprise projects, job-readiness workshops, and community-based projects.



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TRAVEL & TOURISM

What can I study?

Level 2 Travel & Tourism

Level 2 Introduction to Cabin Crew & Aviation

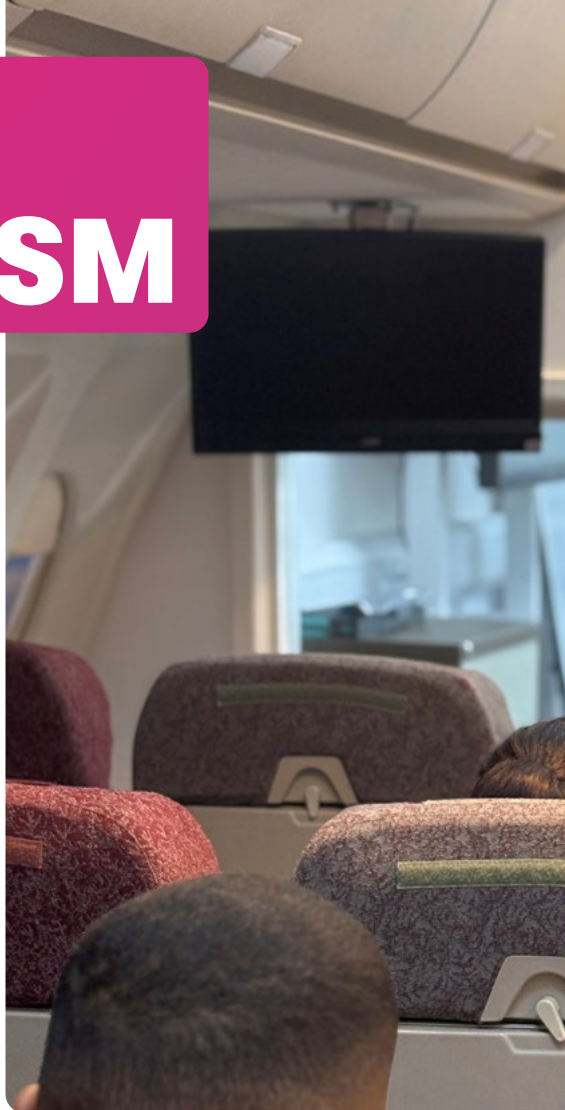
Level 3 Travel & Tourism

Careers NOT Courses

- Cabin Crew
- Travel Agent
- Event Management
- Cruise Ship Steward
- Resort Rep
- Airline Customer Service Agent



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Why study travel & tourism?

Tutor Jenny says: "Everybody loves a holiday - but do they really know what goes on behind the scenes to make them a reality? Our courses are designed to give students a look into the sector and discover what it takes to become cabin crew, airport security, cruise line managers, or travel agents. Using our very own simulation aeroplane and check-in desk, students take a hands-on approach to learning, developing the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to succeed in this dynamic and fast-paced industry."





Industry Links

On a travel & tourism course, you can expect to work with the likes of Hays Travel, TUI, Swissport, Q Hotels, and Intercontinental Hotel Group.

You will attend talks from overseas recruitment advisors, cabin crew, and hotel management, allowing you to get a comprehensive overview of the industry and its potential careers. You will also gain invaluable hands-on work experience as part of our annual 'Hotel Takeover', where students take charge of every aspect of running a local hotel, from checking in guests to managing housekeeping and room service teams.

Trips & Visits

Taking part in trips and visits is a key part of your learning on this course.

As well as trips to local hotels and airports, students have the opportunity to travel overseas to popular tourist destinations such as Prague, Paris, and New York!



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“I have always wanted to work in commercial aviation, so I was looking for a course that would be focused on this sector when I left school. Travel & tourism has been the perfect choice! It’s practical, the modules are in-depth and industry-focused, and the tutors have so much valuable knowledge to share.”

Former Culcheth High School student, Tyler, is setting his sights on the skies with his goal of working in commercial aviation!

Tyler feels his course is the perfect starting point for his ambition, and feels he has already learned a great deal, including a wide range of essential communication, leadership and customer service skills.



Tyler Abass

School: Culcheth High School

Course: Level 3 Travel & Tourism

HOW TO APPLY

Apply early to avoid missing out!

Our applications are open and we have made it easier than ever to start your journey with us! Follow the simple steps below to get started:

1 Apply online

Visit **wvr.ac.uk/16-18**, find your course, and click “apply now.”

Next, follow the on-screen instructions and our Admissions Team will do the rest.

In the meantime, download the **MyWVR** app to track your application!

2 Attend your interview

This is mandatory for every applicant as this is where you will secure a conditional offer!

3 Accept your offer in the MyWVR app

4 Try your course at our applicant-exclusive events

5 Complete your “Getting Ready for College” form

Answer a few simple questions to make your enrolment smooth and simple.

6 Enrol in person

You will be invited to enrol on GCSE Results Day or the day after.

This is where your place at college is confirmed and you are officially ready to start in September!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I apply for more than one course?

Yes, you can apply for more than one course, but you will only enrol on your preferred course on GCSE Results Day.

You will have the opportunity to try the courses you have applied for during our College Experience Evenings, which will help you to make the right choice for your next step.

What level of course do I apply for?

Apply for the level of course that you would like to study and is achievable with your predicted GCSE grades.

If you're not sure which level of study is most suited to you, check out the information about our course levels and entry requirements on page 32.

Is there an application deadline?

We don't have an official application deadline, but we strongly encourage prospective students to submit their application as early as possible and preferably before Christmas!

What is the difference between applying and enrolling?

Applying refers to the process of choosing a course and expressing your interest by submitting an application. Once you have applied, you will be invited to an interview and, if you are successful, you will be given a conditional offer and be invited back to the college on GCSE Results Day to enrol.



SEE MORE FAQs ONLINE

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YEAR 11 OPEN EVENINGS

Warrington campus, 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Wednesday 7th October

Wednesday 21st October

Monday 9th November

SEND Open Evening

A quieter event for those who would like to explore college, courses and support options at their own pace.

Wednesday 18th November

Warrington campus, 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Foundation Learning Open Evening

For those considering foundation learning options.
Prospective adult students are also welcome at this event.

Tuesday 1st December

Winsford campus, 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Register your place:

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MISSED OUR OPEN EVENINGS?

Don't worry, you can still visit our campus on a campus tour.

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