

FOUNDATION LEARNING

at Warrington & Vale Royal College



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WHAT IS FOUNDATION LEARNING?

Our Foundation Learning courses give students the chance to begin college life in a safe, encouraging environment where you can build your confidence, develop key skills, and get ready for your next steps.

Foundation Learning courses are ideal if you're in Year 11 and unsure about your future career or would like some extra guidance before starting a full time course.

You'll settle into college life at your own pace, surrounded by support and encouragement.

View all courses at: wvr.ac.uk/foundation-learning.

WHAT DO OFSTED SAY?

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

In our latest Ofsted inspection, we received **OUTSTANDING** grades for Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes with inspectors commenting on how safe and supported our students feel.

Read more: wvr.ac.uk/ofsted.

WHAT FOUNDATION LEARNIN



Introduction to Creative Arts

Entry Level

This course allows you to explore a range of artistic activities while developing teamwork, communication, and confidence. Alongside creative work, you will gain valuable employability skills that support future progression.



Introduction to Construction

Entry Level

This course covers a range of interesting topics designed to help you problem-solve, communicate, lead, be creative, and use your initiative. You'll also take part in enriching activities both in college and in the local community.



Introduction to Health, Social & Childcare

Entry Level

This course introduces you to key areas within health, social care, and childcare. You will develop your understanding of working with others, wellbeing, and customer service, while gaining skills that support future study or employment.



Introduction to Hospitality & Catering

Entry Level

This course will introduce you to the world of hospitality and catering, and develop key skills such as communication, leadership, and teamwork. You'll also take part in enriching activities both in college and in the local community.



Vocational Studies

Level 1

Vocational Studies helps you develop confidence, communication, and employability skills in a friendly and nurturing environment. The course focuses on your future goals and supports you to problem-solve, communicate effectively, work independently, and look after your physical and mental wellbeing.

G COURSES ARE AVAILABLE?



Personal & Social Development

Entry Level | Level 1

Personal & Social Development helps you build confidence, independence, and essential life skills in a safe and supportive environment. It will prepare you for your next step, whether that is employment, a Supported Internship, independent living, or further study, while working towards an accredited qualification.



Preparation for Supported Employment

Designed for students aged 17-25 with an EHCP, this course helps you develop the skills, confidence, and experience needed for the world of work. You will build employability skills, improve English and maths, and take part in meaningful work experience both in and out of college. This course is ideal if your long-term goal is paid employment.



Supported Internships

Supported Internships are work-based study programmes for students aged 17-24 with an EHCP. They include a substantial work placement in a real working environment where you are supported by a dedicated job coach, helping you build independence, confidence, and employability skills.



Step Up

Entry Level | Level 1 | Level 2

This course has been designed for students who want to progress to a level 3 course but are undecided on a specific route. It will help you develop skills for both academic studies and the workplace and is unique to the needs of the group. This course is ideal if your long-term goal is studying at level 3.

If you have any questions about the full range of courses available, please contact our Learner Services Team.

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WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

Additional Learning Support

Support is tailored to meet individual needs and may include:

- 1:1 support sessions
- Small group learning
- Study skills support
- Access to assistive technology
- Use of a quiet room or reset room
- Exam access arrangements, where required.

Safeguarding & Wellbeing

Student safety and wellbeing is our priority.

All of our staff are trained in safeguarding practices and our dedicated Safeguarding & Wellbeing Team is always available to support students with any concerns that may affect their wellbeing.

Progress Coaches

Every student is supported by a dedicated Progress Coach throughout their time at college. They will:

- Meet with you regularly on a 1:1 basis
- Monitor your attendance and progress
- Offer information, advice, and guidance
- Help you plan and prepare for your next step.

Applicants with an Education, Health, & Care Plan

We understand that students with an EHCP may need extra support when transitioning from school to college. Support offered may include:

- College staff attending annual reviews during Year 11
- College tours, either 1:1 or in small groups
- Multiple visits to the college before starting in September
- Chances to attend sample classes and experience college life
- Tailored transition plans, involving parents or carers where appropriate.

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WHAT WOULD MY TIMETABLE LOOK LIKE?

Foundation Learning students usually attend college three days per week, with timetables varying depending on the course. Each week includes a mix of core subject sessions, English and maths, and a regular tutorial to support progress and personal development.

Our aim is to help you grow in confidence, develop key skills, and move forward feeling ready and prepared.



HOW DO I APPLY?

You can apply for a Foundation Learning course in-person at one of our campuses, or online at wvr.ac.uk/foundation-learning.

Applying online can take some time, so we recommend having an adult available to help you. This could be a parent or carer, guardian, or school teacher.

For support with your application, please contact our friendly Learner Services Team, who will be happy to help you.

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