

>Welcome

Hello Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for reading the Spring edition of "In The Know", Warrington & Vale Royal College's Newsletter for parents of school leavers. As we reach the final term of the academic year, it has been a pleasure to meet so many young people and their parents throughout the year. We hope that your child is now feeling confident about their next steps after high school. If they have not yet decided what they would like to go on to after Year 11, there is still time to apply. However, we would encourage them to act quickly, as courses are filling up fast and some are now operating waiting lists.

Earlier this month, we held our final College Experience Evening, where applicants had the opportunity to spend time sampling college life, meeting tutors and future classmates, and gaining a better understanding of what their course could look like from September. If you and your child were unable to attend one of these events, there is one final opportunity to experience college before enrolment. Our New Student Welcome Day will take place on Wednesday 8th July, and we strongly encourage all applicants to attend.

We would also like to remind you of the importance of your child attending their interview appointment, if they have not already done so. Attending an interview is essential to secure a conditional offer on their chosen course. These interviews are friendly and informal, providing an opportunity to discuss the course content, entry requirements and expectations, as well as allowing your child to ask any questions they may have about college life.

As the exam period approaches, we would like to wish your child the very best of luck with their revision and upcoming assessments. We are very much looking forward to welcoming both you and your child into the Warrington & Vale Royal College community in September 2026, and we are excited to support them as they begin the next stage of their journey.

NEW Spring Adult Course Guide!

We have launched our latest Adult Course Guide, packed with exciting courses perfect for those aged 19+ and looking to enhance their skillset, boost their CV and career, or improve their wellbeing!

We offer a huge range of courses for the adults and not just school leavers. From accredited qualifications awarded by industry-recognised bodies, to community learning courses including ceramics, digital skills, and floristry, there is truly something for everyone.

[Click here to read our new spring guide or request a paper copy!](#)



What's on? Campus Tours



Warrington campus, 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Wednesday 20th May 2026

If you've not yet had the chance to visit Warrington & Vale Royal College and want to see the campus, and its fantastic facilities and amenities, then make sure you and your child join us on our final campus tour of the academic year. Head to wvr.ac.uk/campustours to register.

Can't make it? Get in touch with the School Engagement Team at schools@wvr.ac.uk and we will do our best to accommodate a 1:1 tour at a time that suits you.

New Student Welcome Day

Wednesday 8th July 2026

Your child is invited to join us at our New Student Welcome Day, a day where they can try their future course, meet fellow applicants, and get to know the tutor. This will be their last opportunity to really get a feel of the college and their course, so we strongly encourage your child to come along. Invitations will be sent out to your child in June, so please look out for this email!

Step Into College Sessions

Step into College is a supportive series of three sessions designed for anxious applicants who may be transitioning from mainstream education, alternative provision, or home schooling. The sessions aim to help young people feel more confident and prepared for their next steps into college life.

The first session will take place on **Wednesday 24th June 2026**.

For more information and to register your interest for one of these sessions, please visit: wvr.ac.uk/transition

Parents LOVE Warrington & Vale Royal College

At Warrington & Vale Royal College, we know that choosing the right further education provider is one of the most important decisions a parent can help their young person make.

That's why we recently asked parents of our current students to share their honest thoughts about their young person's experience at our college, and what its like supporting them throughout their journey. Their feedback was clear: **Parents love Warrington & Vale Royal College**. From the supportive atmosphere to the strong progress their children are making, families across the region are experiencing the positive impact of learning with us. Pictured below is Ethan, Level 1 Motor Vehicle student with his dad, John.



"Ethan made the best decision progressing here from school," John explains. **"He 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."**

Our college is 100% parent approved! Still not convinced? [Click here to read more from our students' parents!](#)

The Edge is back!

The Edge, Warrington & Vale Royal College's much-loved publication has returned with a brand-new look! Now presented as a magazine, it showcases a range of stories, achievements and highlights, offering a snapshot of the many exciting and inspiring activities taking place across the college.



Printed copies have been distributed across campus and to the parents of applicants, and the magazine is also available to [read online](#). We invite you to explore The Edge and discover the creativity, talent and strong sense of community that make Warrington & Vale Royal College an exceptional place to study and grow.

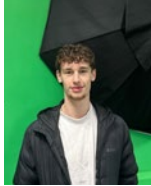
University Offers

We are proud of our students who have already secured early offers from university!

Their success is a testament to the advanced technical skills, practical experience, and industry-focused knowledge they've developed throughout their courses. In case you didn't know, Level 3 Extended Diplomas are equivalent to 3 A Levels, allowing students to progress onto a range of destinations, including higher education!



Name: Demi-lee
Course: Level 3 Health & Social Care
Previous School: Beamont Collegiate Academy
Destination: BSc (Hons) Psychology, Edge Hill University



Name: Bobby
Course: Level 3 Creative & Digital Media
Previous School: The County High School Leftwich
Destination: BA (Hons) Media Production, Liverpool John Moores University



Name: Purple
Course: Level 3 Sport & Physical Activity
Previous School: Birchwood Community High School
Destination: BSc (Hons) Sport Coaching & Development, Manchester Metropolitan University



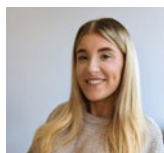
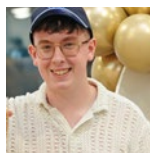
Name: Finlay
Course: T Level Engineering
Previous School: The County High School Leftwich
Destination: BA (Hons) Automotive Performance Engineering, University of Greater Manchester

Join our Alumni Network

Were you a former student at our college? We want to hear from you! Join our Alumni network and share how your qualification has helped to shape your career.

Join now to reconnect, reminisce, and inspire current students.

[Click here to find out more.](#)



NEW A Level Psychology Pathways

We're pleased to introduce new A Level pathways at Warrington & Vale Royal College from September 2026! Delivered through our purpose-built Health & Social Care Academy, these new pathways combine the academic strength of A Level Psychology with practical Health & Social Care and Childhood Studies (AAQ) qualifications. This blended approach allows your child to gain the equivalent of up to three A Levels while developing valuable sector-specific knowledge and skills.

Designed to support progression into university study, apprenticeships or skilled employment, these pathways reflect the needs of high-demand industries and provide a well-rounded, career-focused post-16 option.

[Click here to read more about our NEW pathways.](#)



College Achieves Enhanced CIMSPA Status

Warrington & Vale Royal College is an Enhanced CIMSPA Education Partner, making us the only college in the North West to achieve this level of recognition from the professional



body for the UK's sport and physical activity sector. This enhanced status goes beyond individual course accreditation and is a strong endorsement of the quality, relevance and consistency of our entire Sport, Military & Emergency Services provision.

For parents, this recognition provides reassurance that your child is studying on a programme shaped by industry standards, delivered by experienced staff and designed to support progression into further study, apprenticeships or employment. It reflects our commitment to high-quality teaching, strong employer links and preparing students for successful futures in the sport and fitness sector.

Careers Week

Our most recent Careers week once again provided students with meaningful opportunities to meet employers and gain a clearer understanding of the range of careers available post college. Throughout the week, visitors from multiple sectors joined the college to share their expertise and offer valuable guidance to students exploring their next steps.

We're so grateful for each person who took the time to support careers week, giving our students valuable and insightful information they wouldn't gain from their studies alone.



Dedicated Bus Services to College

We are excited to offer SIX dedicated bus services to our Warrington campus for 16-18-year-old students, so getting to college has never been easier!

New students will only be able to book a place on the college bus services, once they have completed their 'Getting Ready for College' paperwork.

This paperwork will be sent in early June, so keep an eye out on your emails!



Contact us by phone on 01925 494 393 or email learner.services@wvr.ac.uk.