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Warrington & Vale Royal College's School Leaver Newsletter

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Update from the School Engagement Team

Welcome, Year 11!

Your final year of high school is an exciting time, and while it may feel as though the next chapter is still a long way off, now is the perfect time to start exploring your options after Year 11.

Whether you're considering A Levels, T Levels, vocational courses, apprenticeships, or planning your route towards university or employment, researching your choices early will help you make an informed decision about your future.

At Warrington & Vale Royal College, we're proud to offer a wide range of career-focused courses designed to help you achieve your goals. Our Open Evenings provide the ideal opportunity to discover what college life is really like. You'll be able to explore our campus, meet expert tutors, speak with current students, and find out more about the courses that interest you.

Applying early is always recommended, as many of our courses receive a high volume of applications. Submitting your application as soon as you've decided on your preferred course can help secure your place and ensure you receive updates, invitations to applicant events, and ongoing support throughout the year.

Most importantly, you're not alone in making these decisions. The School Engagement Team is here to provide information, advice, and guidance every step of the way, helping you feel confident about your next steps.

We wish you every success in your final year and look forward to welcoming you to one of our Open Evenings soon!

Ella, Abbi and Cerys
School Engagement Team

What's on?

Year 11 Open Evenings

Warrington campus, 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Monday 9th November, Wednesday 18th November (SEND Open Evening)

If you haven't already, join us at our Open Evenings and get a real feel for our vibrant and inclusive college first-hand! Tour our fantastic facilties, chat with our tutors, and get a feel for your future at Warrington & Vale Royal College. **To attend you must register your attendance at:** wvr.ac.uk/openevenings

College Experience Evenings

Warrington campus, 4.45pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 9th December 2026 & Wednesday 10th February 2027

These **applicant-exclusive** events will give you the chance to try an inspirational two-hour session of your chosen course, meet your future classmates and tutors, and get hands-on with the college's impressive equipment and facilities.

Your to-do list!

- ☐ **Attend Open Evenings**: Visiting the college, meeting tutors, and exploring the state-of-the-art facilities can help you decide which course is the best fit for you.
- ☐ **Apply early:** Aim to submit your application before Christmas, so you can focus on your mock exams in the new year without added stress! Early applications are the key to securing your conditional offer and to avoid waiting lists.
- ☐ **Explore your options**: It's okay to be unsure about which subjects to study. You can apply and interview for multiple courses, and we host plenty of exciting College Experience events to help you to make your decision before GCSE results day.

NEW 16-18 Prospectus



Take a look at our new 16-18 Prospectus! Inside, you'll find everything you need to know about studying at Warrington & Vale Royal College, including our full coourse offer, campus facilities, student support, and what life as a student is really like.

Request a paper copy here:
wvr.ac.uk/16-18-prospectus

Freshers Fest

This September, our newest students were welcomed to college with our first-ever Freshers Fest - two exciting days packed with fun, friendship and opportunities to get involved.

Students explored the campus, met new friends, took part in activities, enjoyed free treats and discovered everything college life has to offer. Freshers Fest also saw the launch of our brand-new WVRXtra programme, giving students even more opportunities to make the most of their time with us.

If you're joining us next September, this is just a taste of what's waiting for you!










Introducing WVRXtra - our NEW enrichment programme!

WVRXtra is our college-wide enrichment programme designed to help you get more from your time at Warrington & Vale Royal College



It's your chance to step outside the classroom, discover new interests, and get involved in experiences that make college life even more rewarding. We believe your time at college isn't just about gaining qualifications. It's about discovering who you are, what you enjoy and what you're capable of achieving.



Core offer: The WVRXtra Core programme takes place during tutorial sessions and helps you build confidence, develop essential life skills and prepare for life beyond college. Activities include first aid, wellbeing, fitness, sustainability and self-defence workshops.

Lunchtime clubs: Our lunchtime clubs give you the chance to explore new interests, develop skills and meet new people outside of lessons. With activities ranging from sport and yoga to film, chess and Dungeons & Dragons, there's something for everyone.



WVRXtra+: WVRXtra+ is our enhanced careers programme, designed to support your personal and professional development. Through additional opportunities and experiences, you'll develop the skills, knowledge and confidence needed for higher education and future careers.

[Click here to learn more about WVRXtra, our core offer, lunchtime clubs, and more!]

WVR Week of Sport

Students recently took part in Warrington & Vale Royal College's first-ever Week of Sports, celebrating physical activity, teamwork and wellbeing. The event launched the college's enhanced sports programme as part of WVRXtra, giving students the chance to try activities including football, rugby, cheerleading and running.





Open to all students, the week showcased the wide range of opportunities available to stay active, make new friends and get involved in college life, whether through competitive sport, fitness sessions or social activities. It was a fantastic success, with students from across the college coming together to embrace sport and wellbeing.



Contact us

Our friendly Learner Services Team are on hand Monday to Friday to answer any of your college questions. You can reach them on **01925 494 400** or learner.services@wvr.ac.uk

Don't forget to download our free college app and follow us on socials @wvrcollege. Our inboxes are checked daily by our School Engagement Team so please don't hesitate to direct message us.

Student Success

At our Vocational Results Day Celebration in August, we spoke to students about their exciting next steps. Their future destinations are incredibly diverse—from higher education and degree apprenticeships to roles with leading employers and beyond.

Our Warrington & Vale Royal College graduates are ready to make their mark, both locally and on the global stage.



Name: Jayden Fellows
Former School: Beamont Collegiate Academy
Course: T Level Business
Destination: Regional Sales Developer at Jungheinrich



Name: Chloe Jones
Former School: Outwood Academy Haydock
Course: T Level Health: Adult Nursing
Destination: University of Chester, BSc Midwifery



Name: Thomas Rimmer
Former School: Cansfield High School
Course: Level 3 Graphic Design
Destination: HNC Graphic Design, Warrington & Vale Royal College



Name: Charlotte Davies-Scott
Former School: St Cuthberts Catholic High School
Course: Level 3 Dance
Destination: LMA, BA Dance Performance

We recently caught up with our alumni, Lily!



From serving as a Student Governor at Warrington & Vale Royal College to studying BA (Hons) Business Management at Manchester Metropolitan University, Lily is continuing to build the skills and experience needed for a successful future in business!

During her time at the college, Lily studied Travel and Tourism while also taking on the responsibility of being a Student Governor, representing the student voice and contributing to college life. Alongside her studies, she developed valuable skills in customer service, communication, teamwork, organisation and problem-solving, gaining industry knowledge through practical projects, presentations and assignments.

Reflecting on her time at college, Lily says, "This was an amazing place to study. I threw myself into every opportunity and embraced everything that student life had to offer! My time at college really prepared me to take my next step at uni, and I am really grateful for that."

Now a first-year student at Manchester Metropolitan University, Lily is expanding her knowledge of business, management, leadership and marketing, while exploring opportunities to gain professional experience and further develop her career.

Find out more and apply online here: wvr.ac.uk/16-18