

Update from the School Engagement Team

Hello Year 11!

This academic year has flown by! It's been a pleasure meeting you over the course of this year, and we hope that you are now feeling clearer about your next steps. If you, or someone you know, is still undecided about what you want to move on to after high school, there is still time to apply - but you will need to be quick, as courses are filling up, with some already having waiting lists.

We held our final College Experience Evening at the beginning of April, where applicants spent two hours sampling what college life could look like in September. You met your tutors, future classmates, and had the opportunity to start settling in ahead of the new term. If you were unable to attend, don't worry - there is one more opportunity to try your course before enrolment. New Student Welcome Day takes place on Wednesday 8th July, so make sure you come along. Invitations will be sent to your email by the start of June so keep your eyes peeled.

The next few months are going to be busy ones, and we would like to wish you the very best of luck with your revision and upcoming exams.

We're also excited to introduce our new enrichment programme, WVRXtra, launching next academic year. WVRXtra is designed to enhance every student's college experience, helping you to develop confidence, ambition and professional behaviours, while enjoying a vibrant college life and building connections across courses and campuses.

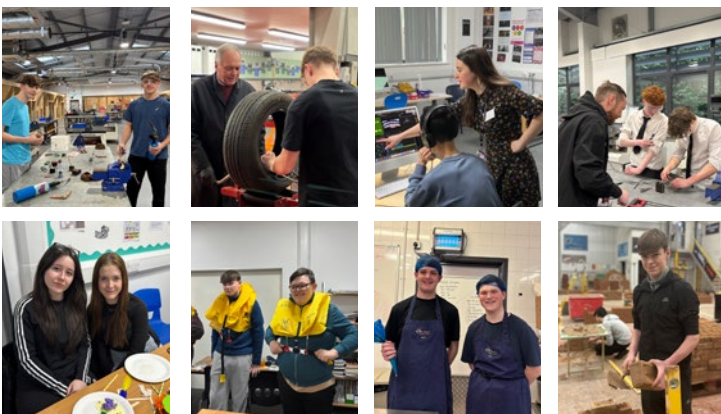
In addition, WVRXtra+ will be introduced for our Level 3 and T Level students, with a focus on career ambition and professional development.

Finally, we cannot wait to welcome you to the Warrington & Vale Royal College community in September 2026 - we hope you are just as excited as we are!

Ella, Abbi, Cerys and Bodhi
School Engagement Team

College Experience Evenings

We absolutely loved seeing so many of you at our recent College Experience Evenings! Check out some of our highlights below and on our social media - @WVRCollege



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 our Warrington campus and its fantastic facilities, then make sure to join us on our final group tour of the academic year!

If you can't make this date, or would prefer an individual tour, please get in touch with the School Engagement Team at schools@wvr.ac.uk with a date and time which works best for you and we will do our best to accommodate this.



New Student Welcome Day

Wednesday 8th July 2026

Applicants! Don't miss our New Student Welcome Day, where you can try your future course, meet classmates, and get to know your tutor. This will be your last opportunity to really get a feel for life at Warrington & Vale Royal College before enrolling so keep an eye on your email for your invitation to register for a ticket in June!

Step Into College Sessions

Step into College is a supportive series of three sessions designed for applicants who may be feeling nervous about transitioning to college 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**.

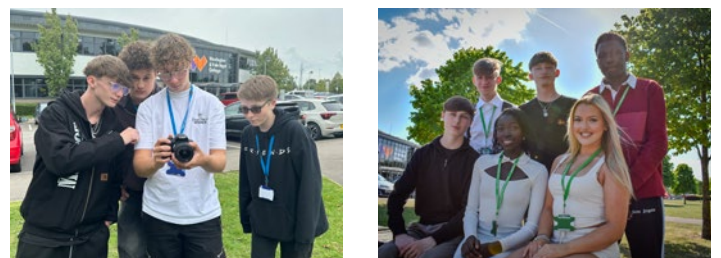
For more information and to register your interest for one of these sessions, please visit: wvr.ac.uk/transition

It's not too late to apply for September 2026!

Choosing what happens after school can be a difficult decision. That's why we do not have an application deadline, allowing you to take the time you need to make the best choice for your future. At Warrington & Vale Royal College, there's something for everyone. Some examples of the courses we offer are:

Accountancy, Acting & Musical Theatre, Art & Design, Business, Creative & Digital Media, Construction, Graphic Design, Games Design, Hairdressing, Health & Social Care, Military & Emergency Services and Sport.

So, if you or someone you know needs a little more guidance before taking their next step, visit our website for more information and apply now:: wvr.ac.uk/16-18



Young Artist of the Year 2026

We're celebrating another brilliant Young Artist of the Year competition, made possible by the creativity and effort of our fantastic applicants and local high school students. This year, we received over 30 entries from 9 schools, which showcased an amazing variety of skills and techniques. The judges and guests were genuinely impressed, showing just how much talent is growing across our region.



Two main awards were featured throughout the evening, with winners recognised for their originality, skill, and creative vision. We want to say a huge well done to all of this year's entrants for their amazing work!

[Click here to read more.](#)



Student Favourite of the Year:
Katrina Lam, Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School.



Young Artist of the Year:
Laura Perez Higuera, Sandymoor Ormiston Academy.

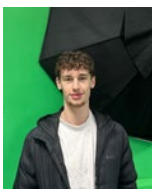
University Offers

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



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

Big Boost for Buckley's Training Kitchens

We're delighted to share that Warrington & Vale Royal College has secured grant funding from the Savoy Educational Trust to support significant upgrades to our hospitality & catering facilities. This investment will allow us to modernise our training kitchens, ensuring they closely reflect current industry standards and professional working environments.



The funding will introduce a wide range of new equipment, including upgraded ovens, fryers, portable induction hobs and a suite of professional tools such as pans, scales and utensils. These enhancements will give hospitality & catering students the opportunity to train with the same equipment used in professional kitchens, building confidence, creativity and real world skills from day one. It's an exciting development for anyone considering a future in hospitality and reinforces our commitment to providing high quality, career-focused training.

[Click here to read more.](#)

NEW A Level Psychology Pathways

From September 2026, students will be able to choose brand new A Level pathways delivered through our state-of-the-art Health & Social Care Academy. These exciting routes combine A Level Psychology with hands-on Health & Social Care and Childhood Studies (AAQ) qualifications, giving you the best of both academic and practical learning.

You'll have the chance to achieve the equivalent of up to three A Levels while developing real-world skills in sectors that are in high demand. Whether you're aiming for university, an apprenticeship or a skilled career, these pathways are designed to give you a strong advantage and prepare you for your next step with confidence. [Click here to read more about our NEW pathways.](#)



College Achieves Enhanced CIMSPA Status

Warrington & Vale Royal College is proud to be an Enhanced CIMSPA Education Partner – and we're the **only college in the North West** to hold this prestigious status. This means our Sport courses are recognised at the highest level for quality, industry relevance and career preparation.

CIMSPA is the professional body for the UK's sport and physical activity sector, and enhanced partner status reflects outstanding teaching, sector standard training and strong links with industry. If you're serious about a future in sport or fitness, you're in exactly the right place! [Read more about this incredible achievement here.](#)

