

Update from the School Engagement Team

Hello former Year 11!

We hope you're enjoying a well-earned summer break after all of your hard work and GCSE exams. This is an exciting time as you look ahead to the next chapter, and we can't wait to welcome you to Warrington & Vale Royal College in September.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our New Student Welcome Day in July. We hope you enjoyed spending time on campus, meeting staff and future classmates, and getting a flavour of what college life will be like when you start with us in September. We absolutely loved seeing you!

If you haven't already done so, please make sure you complete your **Getting Ready for College Form**. Completing this before enrolment will help make the process much quicker and easier when you come in to enrol.

As you prepare to join us, keep an eye on your emails over the summer for important updates and information about starting college. Results Day and enrolment will be here before you know it, and we'll be on hand to support you every step of the way.

When you come to join us in September, you'll have access to a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. From our enrichment programme, WVRXtra, to industry experiences, trips, clubs and societies, there's plenty to get involved in and make the most of your college experience.

For now, enjoy the rest of your summer, celebrate your achievements, and take some time to relax. We look forward to welcoming you to the Warrington & Vale Royal College community very soon!

**Ella, Abbi, Cerys, and Bodhi
School Engagement Team**

Enrolment: Your Step by Step Guide

We understand that enrolling at college may feel like a big step, and that you might not know what to expect on this important day.

To reassure you, here's a step-by-step guide on how the day works and how you'll enrol.

- **Before GCSE Results Day:** you'll receive a letter with details about your enrolment. Make sure you read this letter carefully and let us know as soon as possible if you have any questions or cannot attend your enrolment date. If you can't attend, you must speak to our Admissions Team as soon as possible. Please email learner.services@wvr.ac.uk or call **01925 494400**.

Important: If you do not attend your allocated enrolment date, you may lose your spot to someone on the waiting list.

- **After you receive your GCSE Results:** take a clear photo of your full results sheet (with your name and all grades visible) and upload it to the MyWVR app. Please do this before coming to campus.
- **On the day:** you will go to your campus, where a staff member will check your results and confirm your place on your chosen course. You'll also get your **start date, information about uniform, and kit details**.
- **Didn't meet the entry requirements?** Changed your mind on your chosen course? Please still attend. Our team will help you explore your options.

For full information and a guide on uploading your GCSEs, check our our FAQ page: wvr.ac.uk/joiningus

New Student Welcome Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our New Student Welcome Day on Wednesday 8th July! Check out some of our highlights below and on our social media - @WVRCollege



Things to look forward to!

Enrolment is just the start! To help you get settled in September, your first few weeks are jam-packed with activities, where you can make friends, find your feet on campus and get used to college life!

Freshers Fest!

Induction is looking a little different this year! Get involved in exciting activities including inflatables, retro games and more*. You'll also take part in icebreakers, campus tours and other activities designed to help you settle in and get to know your classmates.

Freshers Fair!

On Tuesday 22nd September, head down to the Crescent for our buzzing annual Freshers Fair. Make your way around the stalls and grab yourself some fun freebies!

Become a student ambassador!

Applications for our popular student ambassador roles open in September. Boost your CV & earn extra money by helping our Marketing Team during key college events.

Students Experience the Trip of a Lifetime!

Fifty lucky students recently returned from an unforgettable two-week placement programme in Sri Lanka, gaining valuable international work experience, developing new skills, and immersing themselves in a completely different culture through the UK Government's Turing Scheme.

Throughout the trip, students worked alongside local organisations and educational partners, applying their learning in real-world settings while developing confidence, resilience, and employability skills.

"Experiences like this are truly transformational for our students. The opportunity to live and work in another country helps young people develop confidence, cultural awareness, and independence in ways that simply cannot be replicated in a classroom. Through the Turing Scheme, our students have been able to gain valuable industry experience, contribute to local communities, and create memories that will stay with them for life."

Nichola Newton, Principal & CEO

For many students, the trip was their first experience of travelling so far from home and provided a unique opportunity to develop independence, adaptability, and a broader understanding of the world around them. This trip forms part of the college's commitment to providing life-changing opportunities that enhance learning, broaden horizons, and prepare students for successful futures in an increasingly global workplace.

[Click here to read more about incredible experience.](#)



Celebrating Success at Inaugural Further Education Awards



We were delighted to host its inaugural Further Education Awards on Thursday 18th June, a true celebration of student success held in the grand and historic Parr's Bank Hotel.

The Grade II listed building, beautifully restored in Warrington town centre, provided a fitting backdrop for an evening dedicated to recognising the outstanding achievements, resilience, and talent of just some of the college's students.

The evening began with a heartfelt welcome from college Principal & CEO Nichola Newton, before tutors took to the stage to present awards to deserving winners. Proceedings were complimented by moving video nominations that showcased individual journeys, determination, and success. These stories resonated across the room, demonstrating the transformative impact of further education and the dedication of both students and staff.

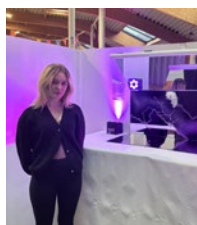
This event stands as a testament to the exceptional work and powerful stories that define Warrington & Vale Royal College, reinforcing the importance of further education in shaping futures. Everyone at the college is incredibly proud of each award winner and is looking ahead to the continued success of both students, and this dazzling event. [Click here to read more.](#)



Art & Design Students Impress with End-of-Year Exhibition

Bringing together work from students across levels 1-4, the exhibition highlighted the breadth of disciplines, skills, and creative practices developed over the course of the year. For their final major projects, students were given the freedom to develop their own ideas, building on the techniques and skills they had explored throughout the year. As a result, the exhibition featured a wide variety of work to a consistently high professional standard.

Ben Brady, Director of Curriculum & Quality, said: *"We are incredibly proud of our students and staff for their hard work and commitment this year. It's great to see students presenting their ideas with such confidence."*



[Click here to read more about this wonderful exhibition.](#)

Supported Internships: Helping Young People Succeed

At the end of term, we proudly hosted our annual Supported Internship Celebration Evening. Supported Internships are unique courses at the college, designed to help young people with EHCPs to build the confidence and skills needed to progress into the world of work! It was a truly special event, which highlighted the success, growth, and achievements of the impressive young people on these pathways.

Following the event, Amanda MacKinnon, Vice Principal: Quality & Curriculum, said: *"This programme means so much to all of us, as well as the interns. We see first-hand the benefits of these placements and how they truly help to realise potential. This event was the perfect testament to that."*

[Click here to read more about this celebratory evening.](#)

