

Update from the School Engagement Team

Hello Year 11!

Welcome back after what we hope was an amazing Christmas break for you all. Now is the time when things really start to get serious as you prepare for your upcoming exams. Many of you have already reached important milestones in your educational journey by attending college events, submitting your application, and being offered a place.

For those of you who have already applied and attended your interview, your conditional offer is hopefully now secured. If your interview is still to come, this important appointment is when your place at college is offered, so please make sure you attend when you are invited.

If you have not yet applied for college, please do not delay. Places are filling up fast and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis at enrolment, based on the date you secure your offer. Last year, over half of our courses had waiting lists, so **apply now** to avoid disappointment.

Over the coming months, there are a whole host of exciting events for our applicants to get involved in. On Wednesday 25th February and Wednesday 1st April 2026, applicants are invited to attend their exclusive College Experience Evening. You will take part in a two-hour session of your chosen course, meet your tutors, and get to know potential future classmates, helping you to settle into college life ahead of starting in September. This is also the perfect opportunity for those who have applied for multiple courses to try them out and see which you prefer.

We have really enjoyed meeting so many of you over the past few months and are looking forward to seeing you back on campus again soon. In the meantime, best of luck with your revision and enjoy your final few months at high school.

Ella, Abbi and Cerys
School Engagement Team

Young Artist of the Year 2026

Do you want to win £65 worth of professional art equipment and have your work showcased in an exclusive exhibition? Enter our Young Artist of the Year competition by submitting your work in either the Creative Artist or Digital Artist category. Selected pieces will be displayed at a special exhibition at our Warrington campus on **Thursday 19 March 2026**, giving you the chance to show your talent to a wider audience and celebrate with your family, friends and teachers! .

Whether you work with paint, pencil, or pixels, now's your chance to get creative and have your work recognised. Full entry details, submission requirements, and deadlines can be found at: wvr.ac.uk/young-artist. We can't wait to see what you create!

**YOUNG ARTIST
OF THE YEAR 2026**

What's on?

College Experience Evenings

Warrington campus, 4.45pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 25th February & Wednesday 1st April 2026

This applicant-exclusive event 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.

Apprenticeship Q&A's

Tuesday 10th February, 4.00pm - 5.00pm

These virtual Apprenticeship Q&A sessions offer the opportunity to ask questions, learn how apprenticeships work, and explore the benefits and opportunities available, with guidance from our expert team.

If you can't make the session above, not to worry! We have one more Apprenticeship Q&A taking place on **Tuesday 10th March**. [Click here](#) to register your place!

Foundation Learning & Supported Internship Evening

Are you local to our Winsford campus and considering a Foundation Learning course or Supported Internship? Join us on **Tuesday 3rd February, 4.00pm-7.00pm**, to explore our facilities, meet our tutors and Support Team. Find out how we help every student succeed. [Click here](#) to register your place!

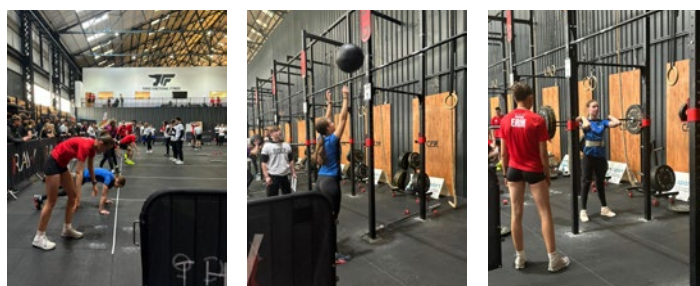
Sport student shines at College Fitness Games

Lily, one of our outstanding Level 3 Sport & Physical Activity students, has achieved an incredible 5th place in the national final of the Association of Colleges: College Fitness Games!

After securing a place in the top 30 during the qualification stage, Lily headed to the finals in Sheffield where she took on three challenging strength and cardio events, and delivered an exceptional performance that earned her a top-five finish in her category.

Her dedication, determination, and talent truly shine, and we're incredibly proud to have her representing Warrington & Vale Royal College.

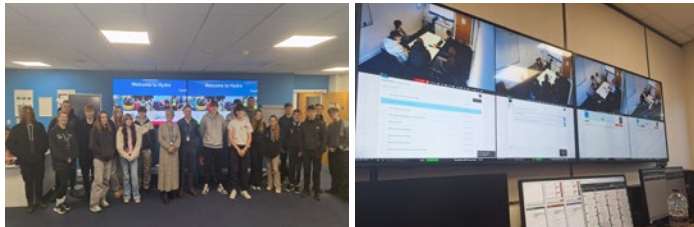
At Warrington & Vale Royal College, students have the chance to take part in exciting competitions and real-world experiences just like this. Who knows - next year, it could be you representing the college on a national stage!



Shedding Light on Public Services

Students on our military & emergency services course recently got to experience what real policing is like by taking part in a live-style simulation with the British Transport Police, working with detectives and handling incidents in real time. The experience left our students inspired, with some even considering a future career with The British Transport Police.

All students at Warrington & Vale Royal College have the opportunity to go on exciting trips and exclusive experiences relating to their future careers, thanks to our strong network of employer partners!



Subject Spotlights

You may have seen our Subject Spotlights on the college's social media channels, where our students take the lead in showcasing our courses. These features give a real insight into what it's like to study with us, straight from the people who know best. Discover their experiences, hear their advice, and explore the subjects that could shape your future.



Name: Liam Parker
Former School: Lymm High School
Course: Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery
"The tutors are so supportive - if you ever need anything, they're always there to help!"
[Click here to watch Liam's Subject Spotlight!](#)



Name: Rifca Abdalla
Former School: Cardinal Newman High School
Course: Level 3 Fashion Promotion & Styling
"Live briefs have helped me to gain confidence in my abilities and work to deadlines!"
[Click here to watch Rifca's Subject Spotlight!](#)



Name: Harvey Porter
Former School: Rudheath Senior Academy
Course: Level 3 Military & Emergency Services
"Everything I've learned so far on this course has prepared me perfectly for a career in the Army!"
[Click here to watch Harvey's Subject Spotlight!](#)

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! You will also receive a delicious FREE breakfast every morning in our Crescent Café to start your day off right.

Check out our range of bus routes starting in Irlam, Leigh, Runcorn, St Helens, Northwich, Winsford and Lymm by [clicking here](#).

Motor Vehicle Apprentice Secures Top Spot at Local Garage

Rio started out as a Level 1 Motor Vehicle Maintenance student, but not long after, he secured a trial period with John Oates Garage in Warrington. His trial went well and the garage offered to take him on as an apprentice. After 3 years of replacing head gaskets, changing timing belts, and studying hard, Rio passed his End Point Assessment (EPA), bringing his apprenticeship to a close.

Eager to keep him on, John Oates and his team have since offered Rio a full-time role so that they can continue to work alongside him. John says: "We're very proud of Rio. He's very good for his age; and is only going to get better."

If you'd like to learn more about apprenticeship pathways at the college, contact our experienced Apprenticeship Team at apprenticeships@wvr.ac.uk.



WVR Dance Academy

The college was delighted to welcome 13 enthusiastic performers to its WVR Dance Academy, with Year 10 and 11 students from local high schools taking part in four weeks of masterclasses with tutor Erin Taylor.

Students developed skills in contemporary and commercial dance styles, learning choreography inspired by legendary pop icons.



Melody, a student from Irlam & Cadishead Academy, said: "What I have enjoyed most about the WVR Dance Academy is being part of such a fun and supportive group. The sessions have really helped me grow in confidence." [Read the full story here.](#)

#DestinationWVR

So far this year, we've held two buzzing Interview Evenings, giving hundreds of applicants the chance to secure conditional offers on their chosen courses.

These events are the perfect opportunity to meet our industry-expert tutors, explore your chosen course in depth, and get personalised guidance on your next steps. Many applicants left feeling inspired, confident, and one step closer to starting their journey with us in September 2026!



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

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