

PERSONAL & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

at Warrington & Vale Royal College



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YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE IS IN SAFE HANDS.

Warrington & Vale Royal College offers a range of courses designed to support student's personal and social development, focusing on building your child's confidence and practical skills.

Whether students are preparing for a full-time college course, developing essential life skills, or taking their first step towards paid employment, our supportive and experienced staff are here to provide support and guidance in a welcoming and inclusive learning environment.

Courses are designed to help students become more confident, capable, and ready to take their next step.

WHAT DO OFSTED SAY?

“Students feel welcomed, well supported and cared for. They develop the skills and behaviours that they need for their next steps in an exceptionally supportive and nurturing environment.”

In our latest Ofsted inspection, we received **OUTSTANDING** grades for Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes with inspectors commenting on how safe and supported our students feel.

Read more: wvr.ac.uk/ofsted.

PERSONAL & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Entry Level | Level 1

Our Personal & Social Development course is designed to support young people aged 16-19, who may have an EHCP or additional needs, or who simply want a gentle and more supported introduction to college life.

Personal & Social Development students:

- Learn in a safe and nurturing environment
- Develop key skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork
- Work towards essential English and maths qualifications.

Students will also gain experience working in our Wellbeing Community Café, based in Orford, where they will develop a range of employability skills. They'll also benefit from other trips, visits, and practical experiences during the course.

Many students progress on to the next level of study after completing their course, with some beginning a Preparation for Supported Employment or a Supported Internship once they feel ready.

“Students with high needs thrive in a supportive and inclusive environment.”

Ofsted, 2024



PREPARATION FOR SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

Our Preparation for Supported Employment course is designed for students aged 17-25 with an EHCP who want to build their confidence to move towards employment.

Preparation for Supported Employment students:

- Develop key employability skills like workplace behaviour, communication, and customer service
- Work towards essential English and maths qualifications in a practical and supportive environment
- Gain varied work experience through guest speakers, community projects, and external visits.

Some students will gain experience in our Wellbeing Community Café, based in Orford, while others may complete internal work placements across the college.

This course is an excellent stepping stone to a Supported Internship, helping students grow in confidence, explore different types of work, and gain essential skills needed to move forward.

“Students benefit from an extensive range of enrichment opportunities linked to their curriculum, next steps and personal development.”

Ofsted, 2024



SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

Supported Internships are one-year programmes designed for students aged 17-24 with an EHCP. They support the move from education to employment.

Supported Interns:

- Spend a lot of time in a work environment
- Receive support from a dedicated job coach
- Develop their confidence, experience, and workplace skills.

What are the benefits?

- Gain hands-on experience in a real job role
- Improve chances of securing paid employment
- Meet new people and make friends!

Supported Internships help students get ready for paid work by giving them real job experience, practical skills, and more independence for the future.

Throughout their internship, students will be supported by a dedicated job coach who will accompany them to their placement. They help students learn their new role, ensuring they feel safe and confident. They also support the employer with making any reasonable adjustments.

“Students and apprentices enjoy coming to the college. Staff have created a highly positive and respectful culture that permeates the college.”

Ofsted, 2024



WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

Additional Learning Support

Support is tailored to meet individual needs and may include:

- 1:1 support sessions
- Small group learning
- Study skills support
- Access to assistive technology
- Use of a quiet room or reset room
- Exam access arrangements, where required.

Safeguarding & Wellbeing

Student safety and wellbeing is our priority.

All of our staff are trained in safeguarding practices and our dedicated Safeguarding & Wellbeing Team is always available to support students with any concerns that may affect their wellbeing.

Progress Coaches

Every student is supported by a dedicated Progress Coach throughout their time at college. They will:

- Meet with students regularly on a 1:1 basis
- Monitor attendance and progress
- Offer information, advice, and guidance
- Help students plan and prepare for their next step.

Applicants with an Education, Health, & Care Plan

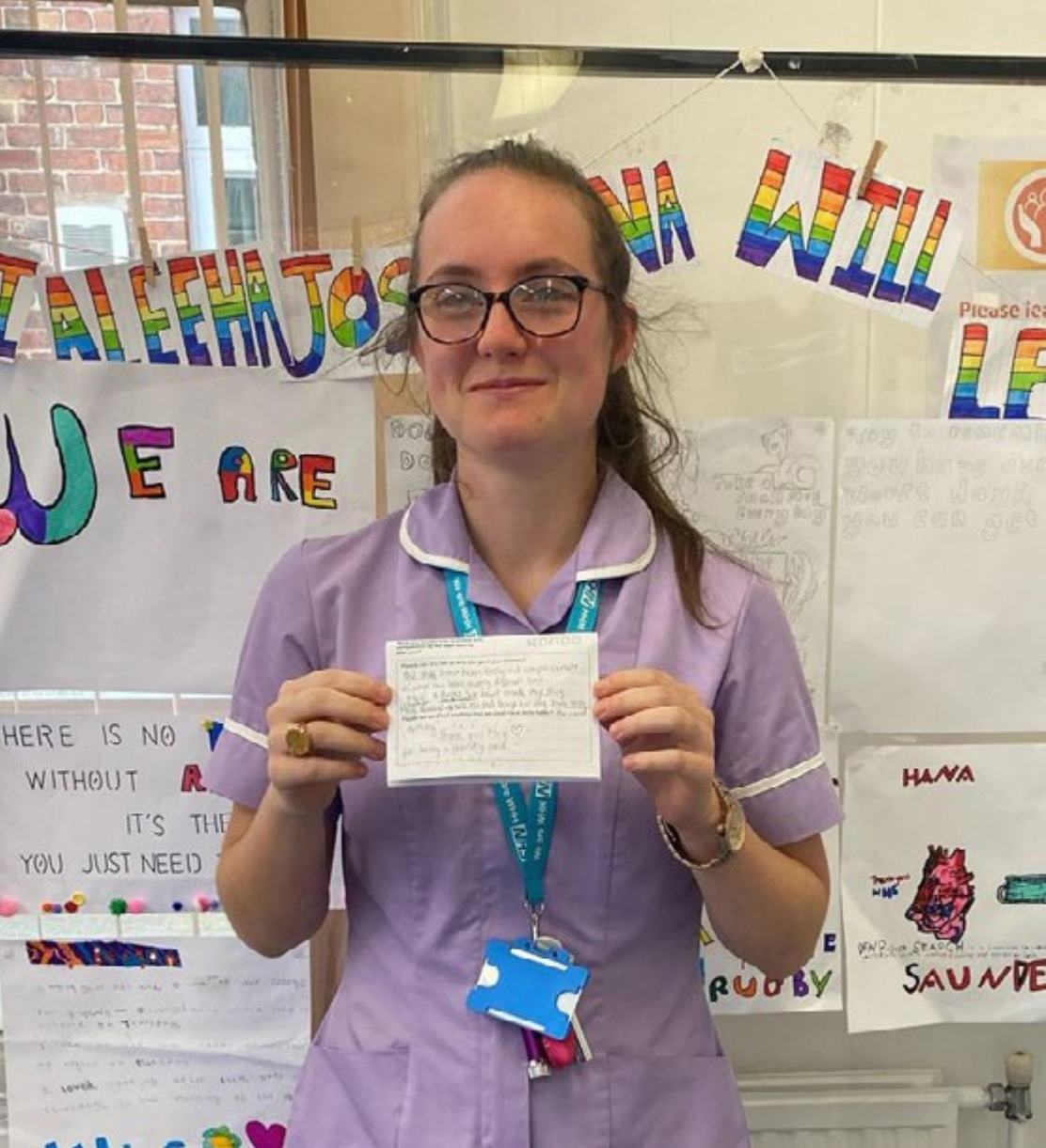
We understand that students with an EHCP may need extra support when transitioning from school to college. Support offered may include:

- College staff attending annual reviews during Year 11
- College tours, either 1:1 or in small groups
- Multiple visits to the college before starting in September
- Chances to attend sample classes and experience college life
- Tailored transition plans, involving parents or carers where appropriate.

If you have any questions about the support available, please contact our friendly Learner Services Team.

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STUDENT SUCCESS

Megi's Supported Internship took place at Warrington Hospital, with support from DFN Project Search. Working as a domestic assistant on a maternity ward, Megi quickly impressed staff with her hard work, reliability, and positive attitude.

With support from the college, she successfully applied for a full-time role at the hospital, where she still works today.

HOW TO APPLY

Students can apply for any of our courses in-person at one of our campuses, or online at wvr.ac.uk/skills-for-life-work.

For support with your application, please contact our friendly Learner Services Team, who will be happy to help you.

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All information in this booklet is correct at time of printing (March 2026).

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