

YOUR CAREER COLLEGE



Warrington
& Vale Royal
College



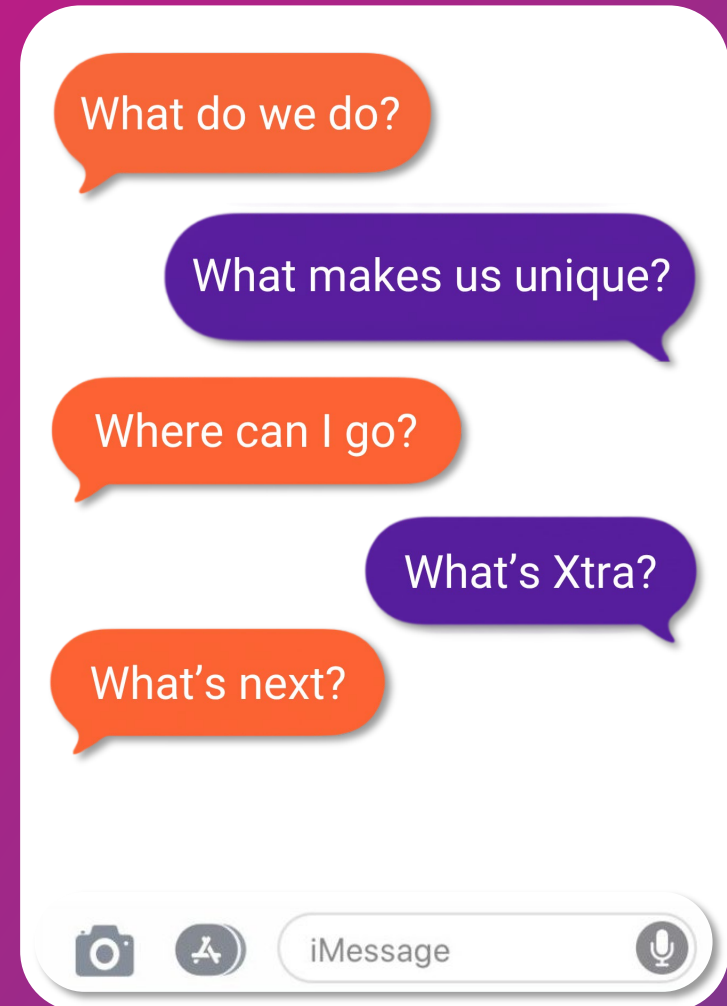


WHY CHOOSE US?

For over 40 years, Warrington & Vale Royal College has been supporting young people to build bright and successful futures.

Whether your goal is university, an apprenticeship, or a career you're passionate about, we offer the courses, expertise, and guidance to help you get there.

Here are 5 questions to think about throughout today's assembly.



WHAT DO WE DO?

TECHNICAL COURSES

Highly practical full-time courses from level 1 to level 3.

- Practical, hands-on qualifications relating to a specific job or career sector.

T LEVELS

Full-time level 3 courses with a meaningful industry placement.

- 80% in the classroom
- 20% completing industry placement.

COMBINATION PATHWAYS

Full-time courses which combine A Levels, V Levels, and technical qualifications.

- Brand new option for September 2027!

Did you know?

Level 3 extended diplomas and T Levels are the equivalent of 3 A Levels!

APPRENTICESHIPS

Pathways which allow you to earn a wage working towards a nationally recognised qualification.

- Combines practical training in the workplace with college study.

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

Pathways for young people with EHCPs to prepare for employment.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

Entry level courses for students who need an extra step between school and a full-time college course.

We like to say that we offer "Careers, not courses!"

WHAT DO WE DO?

TECHNICAL COURSES

- Acting & Musical Theatre
- Art & Design
- Brickwork
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Creative & Digital Media
- Dance
- Early Years
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering
- Fashion
- Games Design
- Graphic Design
- Hairdressing
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality & Catering
- Military & Emergency Services
- Motor Vehicle
- Plumbing
- Sport
- Travel & Tourism



WHAT DO WE DO?

T LEVELS

- Accounting
- Business
- Construction, Design, Surveying & Planning
- Early Years
- Engineering
- Health

T Level Foundation Year:

- Business, Accountancy & Digital Skills



WHAT DO WE DO?

COMBINATION PATHWAYS

Brand new pathways combining A Level, V Level, and technical qualifications!

V Levels

Launching in September 2027, one V Level will be equivalent to one A Level. They will combine academic knowledge with practical, industry-focused skills, helping you to build both your confidence and real-world experience for their future.

A Levels

A Levels are academic qualifications typically studied over two years. They are widely recognised by universities and employers.

At a glance:

- Digital
- Education
- Health
- Finance & Accounting



WHAT DO WE DO?

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Accounting
- Bricklaying
- Business
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Customer Services
- Early Years
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering
- Groundworker
- Human Resources
- Motor Vehicle
- Plumbing & Heating
- Recruitment

IMPORTANT!

If you wish to do an apprenticeship upon leaving school, you **MUST** find an employer and apply for the relevant apprenticeship course at college.





CHOOSING YOUR COURSE

With so many courses to choose from, deciding what to study can be a difficult process.

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Think about your **strongest school subjects** and those you enjoy the most
- What is your **personality** like? (Caring, Energetic, Artistic)
- Think about your **style of learning**. Do you prefer a more hands-on and practical approach?
- This is **your life**. Try not to follow your friends, and remember to make your own decisions

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

FANTASTIC FACILITIES

£13MILLION POUNDS WORTH OF RECENT INVESTMENTS



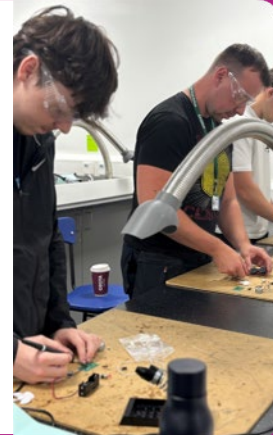
Health & Social Care Academy

- Simulation Hospital Ward
- Independent Living Flat
- Industry Standard Equipment
- Simulation Nursery Classroom.



Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Academy

- Engineering Labs and Workshops
- Welding Bays
- CNC Machinery
- Colchester Lathes
- Specialist CAD Suite.



Advanced Creative & Digital Skills Academy

- TV Studio
- Podcasting suite
- Green Screen Room
- Motion Capture Suite
- Art & Fashion Studios
- Dance Studio
- 160-seat Theatre
- Backstage and box office.



Construction & Civil Engineering Academy

- Industry-leading and sustainable technologies
- 3D Printers
- Virtual Reality (VR)
- Surveying Equipment.



Business & Professional Academy

- Modern Classrooms
- Pods for individual learning.



+MORE!

- Buckleys Restaurant
- Academy Hair Salon
- Motor Vehicle Garage
- On-Site Gym
- LRC.



WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

INDUSTRY-EXPERT TUTORS

All our tutors have impressive amounts of industry experience and are passionate about their subject, bringing a wealth of current skills and knowledge to their teaching.

“The best part of my job is being able to see a student grow and develop, and watching them go on their accounting journey is a great feeling.”

Nicola Gill

Subject: Accounting

Experience: 10+ years in accountancy practices

“Working with students in our Buckley’s restaurant really makes our courses stand out from the rest. The experience they gain is invaluable.”

Cavan Shepherd

Subject: Hospitality & Catering

Experience: 10+ years as a fine dining chef

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

STANDOUT SUPPORT

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

- Ofsted, 2024

At Warrington & Vale Royal College, support is at the heart of everything we do. We ensure every student feels safe, confident, and ready to succeed.

- Every student is assigned a **Dedicated Progress Coach**, providing guidance, encouragement, and support throughout their college journey.
- Our **Safeguarding & Wellbeing Team** offer confidential support with mental health, online safety, and personal wellbeing.
- Our **Learning Support Team** provide specialist support for students with SEND needs, including in-class assistance, study skills, assistive technology, and exam access arrangements.
- We offer a range of **bursaries and financial support** options for eligible students, including help with meals, transport, and essential course equipment.



Otis, the therapy dog is regularly on campus to support students' wellbeing!

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

EMPLOYER PARTNERS

At our college, we like to say we are “judge us by the companies that we keep!”

We work with over 800 local, national, and international employers to give our students a range of opportunities, including **industry placements, live briefs, guest speakers, and exciting trips.**

The many ways in which students benefit from these employer interactions are one of the key reasons why we are truly **Your Career College.**



OUR FORMER STUDENTS



“When I finished my GCSEs, I was torn between A Levels and a more practical route. Choosing this college was the best decision for me. I’ve gained so much knowledge and experience, and the support from my tutors has helped me take the next step towards my career.”

Daisy Rose

Subject: Level 3 Motor Vehicle & Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship
Destination: Ashcroft Auto Centre

“My experience on the course and on my industry placement has been fantastic. Now I have finished my course, I have lots of opportunities open to me, but I have chosen to stay with my placement employer, Jungheinrich! They have offered me a job in regional sales development, which is exactly what I had hoped for.”

Jayden Fellows

Subject: T Level Business, Management & Administration
Destination: Regional Sales Development with Jungheinrich

“My course was everything I hoped it would be! It has been creative, challenging, and overall, a lot of fun. I have been able to gain a qualification by doing something I love and am now clear on exactly what I want to do for my future career.”

Esther Cook

Subject: Level 3 Games Design & Animation
Destination: BA (Hons) Fine Art at University of Chester

YOUR FORMER STUDENT



**I'M GOING TO
UNIVERSITY!**



"I'm incredibly grateful to the college for giving me the confidence to pursue my dreams. I've made so many amazing friends and unforgettable memories along the way. Taking part in the shows and pantomimes has been the highlight of my time here, and I'm so excited to begin the next chapter at university!"

Former Lymm High School student, Honey, has excelled in her Level 3 Acting & Musical Theatre course and has secured her place at Edge Hill University to study BA (Hons) Drama.

Honey Lomas

Subject: Level 3 Acting & Musical Theatre



MANCHESTER AIRPORT
DEPARTURES

WVRXTRA

WHAT'S XTRA?

WVRXTRA

NEW for September 2027! WVRXtra is our exciting extracurricular programme designed to help you discover what you're capable of, build confidence, and develop the skills you need for life beyond college!

What can you get involved in?

Xtra

- British Sign language (BSL)
- Driving Theory
- First Aid
- Money Matters
- Self-Defence
- Sports Teams
- Yoga & Meditation

Lunchtime

- Cheerleading
- Craft Club
- Dance Club
- Film Club
- LGBTQ+ Society
- Running Club
- Warhammer
- + much more!

Find out more: wvr.ac.uk/xtra



WHAT'S XTRA?



TRIPS & VISITS

Learning doesn't just happen in the classroom at Warrington & Vale Royal College...

YOUR FREE TIME

At Warrington & Vale Royal College, there is plenty to do both on campus and nearby during your free time!

ON CAMPUS

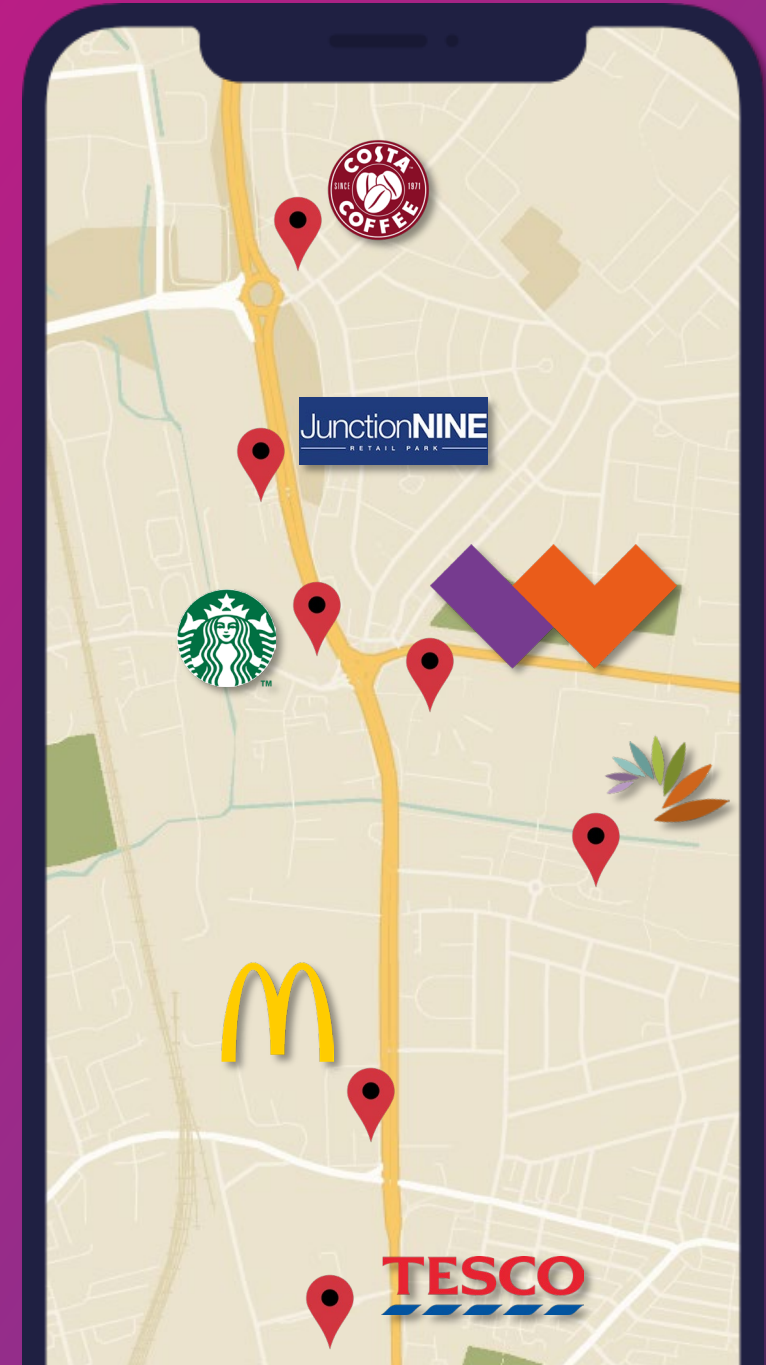
Besides our amazing WVRXtra enrichment programme, the campus has plenty to offer at break and lunchtime. In our main canteen, **The Crescent**, students can enjoy a range of food options, including paninis, fried chicken, pizza, and a fresh salad bar. Looking for a quick snack? Head to **'The Shop'** in The Crescent for a pick-me-up. Other facilities available on campus include:

- Costa coffee
- On-Site Gym
- LRC for private study
- Pool and table tennis
- PlayStation

OFF CAMPUS

There's plenty of options all within walking distance!

- Junction 9 Retail Park
- Starbucks
- Costa Coffee
- Aldi
- Tesco
- KFC
- McDonald's
- Livewire Hub
- Nando's
- Subway
- Gregg's
- PureGym



YOUR COLLEGE DAY

College is very different to school, with your timetable being made up of your "core" lessons, tutorials, blended learning, industry placements and, for some students, GCSE English and/or maths.

Though the college is open from Monday to Friday, your programme of study may be condensed over 3 or 4 days.

Timetables vary depending on your course, course level, and whether you need to resit your GCSE English and/or maths.

This is an example timetable for a level 1 student who must resit their GCSE English & maths.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9.00am – 10.30am	Practical	GCSE Maths	Core
Break			
10.45am – 12.15pm	Practical	GCSE English	Tutorial & WVRXtra
Lunch			
1.15pm – 2.45pm	GCSE Maths	Practical	Core
Break			
3.00pm – 4.30pm	GCSE English	Practical	

WHAT'S NEXT?

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

Apply as early as possible – online or fill out a paper application form.

Accept your offer on the MyWVR app.

Enrol onto your exciting new course on GCSE Results Day – **19th August 2027!**



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Attend an interview – meet your college tutor and receive your conditional offer.

Explore our campus – join us on Open Evenings, College Experience Evenings, and New Student Welcome Day.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS*

ENTRY LEVEL	No minimum grades required. Everyday skills in reading and writing, basic literacy and numeracy skills and a willingness to learn.
LEVEL 1	Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 2 or above.
LEVEL 2 & T LEVEL FOUNDATION YEAR	Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including maths and/or English, or successful completion of a level 1 course. If you have a GCSE grade 3 or lower in English and/or maths you will have to resit these qualifications alongside your course.
LEVEL 3	Minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and/or English, or successful completion of a level 2 course. If you have a GCSE grade 3 or lower in English and/or maths you will have to resit these qualifications alongside your course.
T LEVELS & COMBINATION PATHWAYS	Minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths, English, and sometimes science or successful completion of a T Level foundation year course.

*Specific entry requirements for each course may vary and can be found on our website.

*Entry subject to a satisfactory school reference.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there an application deadline?

No, but we strongly encourage prospective students to submit their application by no later than the end of January.

Can I apply for more than one course?

Yes, you can apply for more than one course, but you will only enrol on your preferred course on GCSE Results Day.

How will I get to college?

With 6 dedicated bus routes, getting to college has never been easier. We also have free car parking and bike sheds on campus. To find out more at wvr.ac.uk/transport.



YEAR 11 OPEN EVENINGS

JOIN US!



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REGISTER
ONLINE



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[wvr.ac.uk/
openevenings](http://wvr.ac.uk/openevenings)



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WARRINGTON CAMPUS

5.00pm – 8.00pm

Wednesday 7th October

Wednesday 21st October

Monday 9th November

Wednesday 18th November
(SEND Open Evening)

WINSFORD CAMPUS

4.00pm – 7.00pm

Tuesday 1st December
(Foundation Learning Open Evening)

ANY QUESTIONS?

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**Check out our
prospectus!**



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