

# YOUR CAREER COLLEGE

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**Warrington  
& Vale Royal  
College**





# WHY CHOOSE US?



Ofsted Outstanding for Behaviours  
and Attitudes and Personal  
Development

£13 Million in recent investment  
across both Warrington and  
Winsford campuses

99% of students agree that college  
has improved their skills for life and  
work

A record number of students went  
to their first choice of university  
in 2025

A huge range of exciting courses  
designed for 16-18-year-olds that  
are built around industry needs

Expert tutors and dedicated  
support teams who help students  
achieve their personal and career  
goals

# CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU

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.



Carpentry & Joinery tutor Thierry, with a student.

# WHAT WE DO

You will choose **ONE** subject that you are passionate about and embark on career-focused and specialised training related to that specific course.

## TECHNICAL COURSES

**BTECs** are practical, hands-on qualifications relating to a specific job or career sector. These are a good option if you have a clear idea of the type of industry you would like to work in.

**T Levels** are a new qualification and an alternative to A Levels. You will spend 80% of the course in the classroom and 20% completing a meaningful industry placement.

## APPRENTICESHIPS

**Apprenticeships** allow you to work and study at the same time. You will combine practical training in the workplace with studying at college – **earning whilst you learn.**



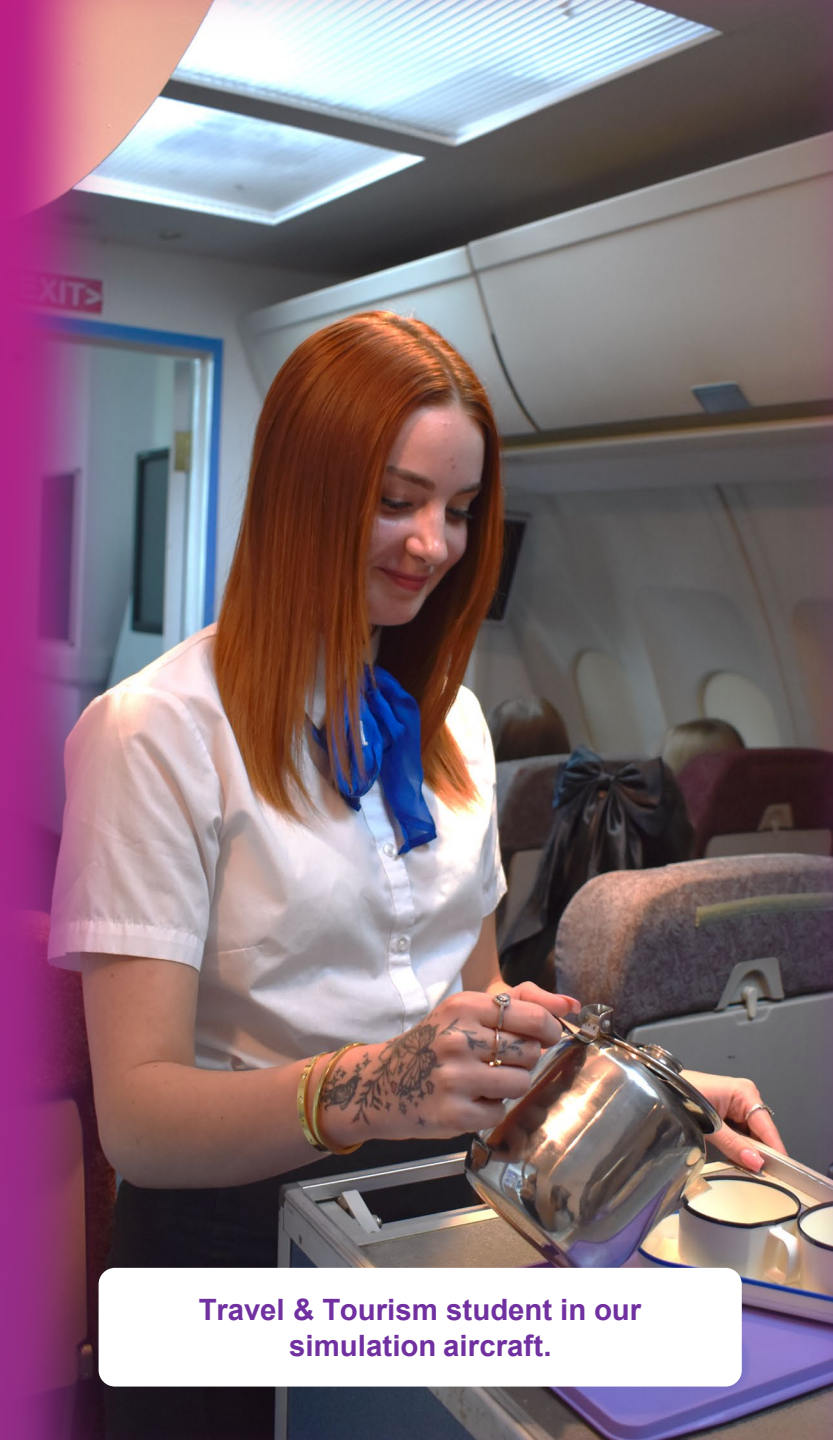
Dance student in the ACDS Dance Studio.

# TECHNICAL COURSES

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

## DID YOU KNOW?

Level 3 Extended Diploma qualifications and T Levels are equivalent to 3 A Levels.



Travel & Tourism student in our simulation aircraft.

# T LEVELS

## The next-level qualification

- Accountancy
- Business
- Construction Design, Surveying & Planning
- Early Years
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health
- Motor Vehicle
- Science

### T Level Foundation Year:

- Business, Accountancy & Digital Skills

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2025, T Levels had a 100% pass rate at Warrington & Vale Royal College!



Health & Social Care student in our hospital ward.

# APPRENTICESHIPS

- Accounting
- Bricklaying
- Business
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Customer Services
- Early Years Practitioner
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering
- Groundworker
- Human Resources
- Laboratory Technician
- Motor Vehicle
- Plate Welding
- Plumbing & Heating

## It's a match!

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

To help, have a dedicated Apprenticeships Team and Apprenticeship Matching Service! [apprenticeships@wvr.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@wvr.ac.uk)



Brickwork apprentice in our brick workshop.

# WHERE WILL A TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION TAKE YOU?



“My course was really interesting and engaging as it was so industry-focused. My tutors have supported me the whole way through!”

**Courtney Whilding**  
Subject: Games Design  
Grade: Triple Distinction\*  
Destination: University of Salford, BA Games Design and Production



“The facilities at college, specifically the ward, are incredible and have really helped me to feel prepared for university and my career!”

**Turner Unsworth**  
Subject: Health & Social Care  
Grade: A\*  
Destination: Edge Hill University, BSc Nursing



“My tutors have been my biggest supporters during my time here. My course has set me up fully and I am now qualified to do what I love!”

**Evie Parry Fields**  
Subject: Hairdressing  
Grade: Pass  
Destination: Hairdresser at the Cutting Corner



“The college helped me to secure an amazing apprenticeship. I liked the broadness of the course, and I have learned a lot.”

**Freddie Rathbone**  
Subject: Engineering  
Grade: Distinction  
Destination: Apprentice Engineer at Bilfinger



“While at college, I did an exciting industry placement with the paramedic cadets, which helped me to decide the right degree for me.”

**Kris Ramos**  
Subject: Health & Social Care  
Grade: A\*  
Destination: Liverpool John Moores University, BSc Biomedical Science



“The course and the tutors really helped me to figure out what I want to do in the future and how to get there.”

**Aimee Cargill-Jones**  
Subject: Art & Design  
Grade: Distinction  
Destination: Level 4 Foundation Diploma Art & Design



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**Aimee Cargill-Jones**  
Subject: Art & Design  
Grade: Distinction  
Destination: Level 4 Foundation Diploma Art & Design

# STUDENT SUCCESS

“I love being a student at Warrington & Vale Royal College because my tutors are amazing. They’ve supported me every step of the way, and I’ve learned so much during my time here.

The best part of the course is getting to work practically in the college’s brickwork workshop and working on projects with my classmates just like I will be doing on-site once I am qualified.”

**Name:** Emma Farrington

**Course:** Level 2 Bricklaying

**Previous School:** Sir Thomas Boteler C of E High School



# OUR CAMPUSES

## 📍 WARRINGTON CAMPUS

Our Warrington campus houses industry-standard facilities, including **The Academy Hair Salon**, an industry-standard **mechanics garage**, our award-winning restaurant **Buckley's**, a simulation aircraft and a free onsite gym.

## 📍 WINSFORD CAMPUS

**Big things are happening here!** Our Winsford campus is home to a brand-new **Institute of Technology (IoT)**, complete with specialist science laboratories and health facilities!



**Health & Social Care Academy**



**Business & Professional Academy**



**Advanced Creative & Digital Skills Academy**



**Construction & Civil Engineering Academy**



**Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Academy**



**Life Sciences Academy**



Warrington campus



Winsford campus

# INDUSTRY EXPERT TUTORS

All of 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.



“Seeing students achieve and see how proud they are of their work is the most rewarding part of the job!”

**Chris Bennett**

**Subject:** Bricklaying

**Experience:** Bricklayer for 19 years



“I enjoy using my experiences working in the fashion industry to help encourage and inspire students to follow a career in fashion.”

**Rebecca Bennett**

**Subject:** Fashion

**Experience:** Designer & Fabric Technologist for Adidas



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

**Cavan Shepherd**

**Subject:** Hospitality & Catering

**Experience:** 10+ years as fine dining chef

“Our facilities and expert tutors from different career backgrounds help students to become successful healthcare professionals.”

**Tanya Norris**

**Subject:** Health & Social Care

**Experience:** Health care professional in residential care homes, schools and community care.

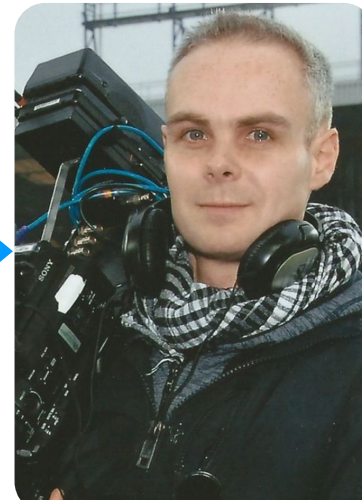


“I am passionate about teaching up-and-coming filmmakers and unlocking their potential.”

**Simon Lovell**

**Subject:** Media

**Experience:** Camera Operative for the Premier League, Creamfields & Glastonbury

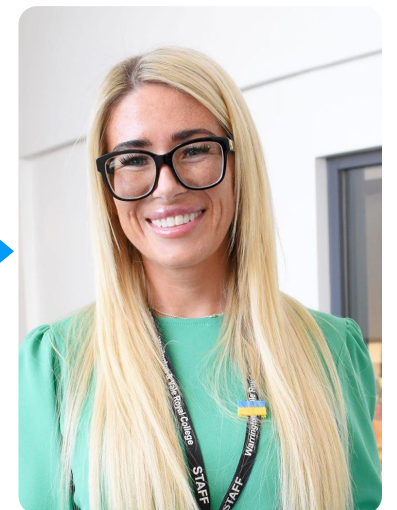


“The best part of my job is being able to see a student grow and develop, and watching them on their accounting journey is a great feeling.”

**Nicola Gill**

**Subject:** Accounting

**Experience:** 10+ years in accountancy practices



# INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS & EMPLOYER LINKS

At our college, we like to say “judge us by the companies we keep!” We work with over 800 local, national and international employers to give our students amazing opportunities, including industry placements, live briefs, guest speakers and exciting trips.

- Graphic Design students completed a live brief, creating a logo and branding, which now proudly represents **Warrington Borough Council’s** new Family Hubs across Warrington.
- Performing Arts students collaborate with the **Liverpool Empire Theatre**, enjoying theatre trips and taking part in exclusive expert-led masterclasses across all aspects of acting, singing and dance.
- Motor Vehicle students collaborated with **Halfords** and **ProTyres**, taking part in an in-depth expert masterclass preparing them for a career in the automotive industry.



Art students decorate the Living Well Hub



Carpentry & Joinery students at St Oswald's Care Home



Hospitality & Catering trip to Anfield Stadium



Carpentry & Joinery Skill Build Competition 2025



National Seafood Chef of the Year Competition 2025



Christmas Hairdressing Competition

# COMPETITIONS, SHOWCASES AND EXHIBITONS

We're so proud of our students' achievements and encourage them to share their skills and successes.

Our students take part in college productions, cross-college and national competitions, and showcase their work in local exhibitions.



"The Boyfriend" Production











Electrical Installation Skills Competition



Art & Design end -of-year exhibition

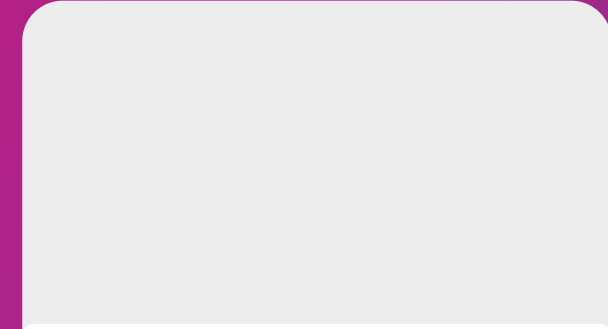
# A COLLEGE WHERE YOU HAVE FUN

There's so much to discover in addition to your exciting new course.

-  Trips & travel
-  Enrichment
-  Clubs & societies
-  Volunteering opportunities
-  Student Ambassadors
-  Sporting activities
-  Guest Speakers
-  Themed events & fundraising



Boys Football Team



Trip to Paris



Trip to Lea Green Police Training Centre



Student Ambassador Programme



Trip to New York City



College Therapy Dog



#WearItPink Week

# DIGITAL PROSPECTUS

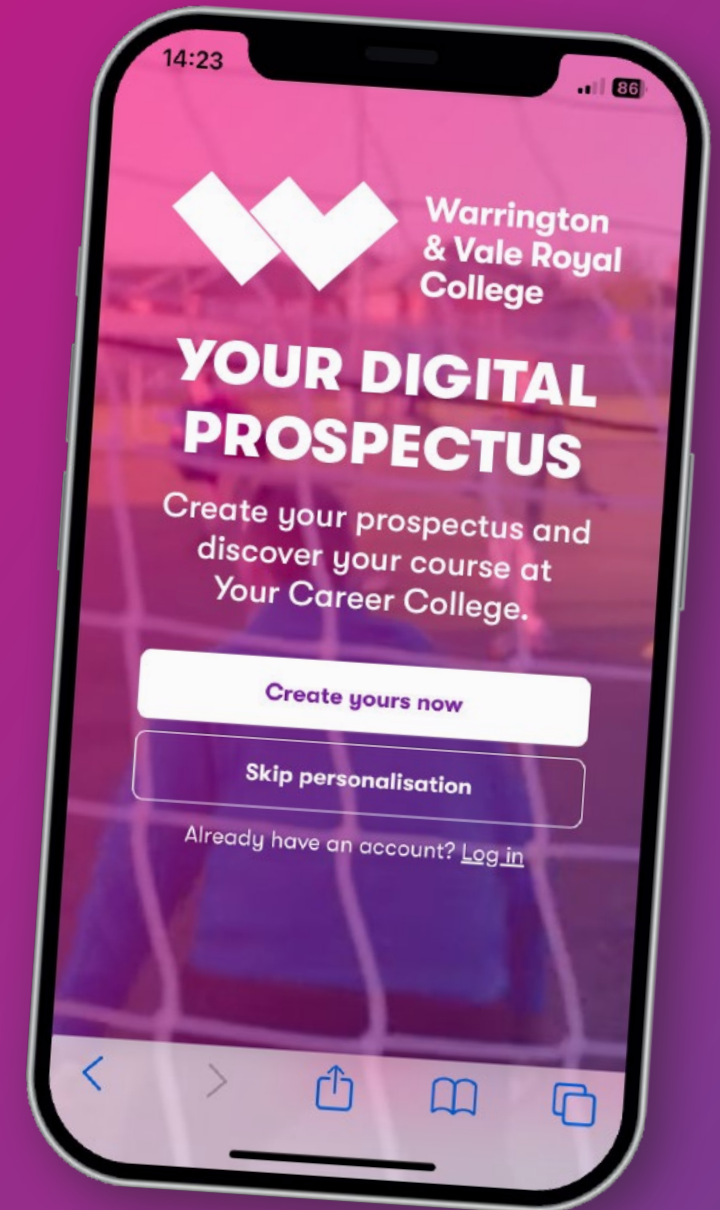
## Not your average prospectus!

We're serious about climate change, our carbon footprint and our impact on future generations. That's why we've built a fully digital prospectus instead of a printed version.

Putting **your future first**, we have already saved a staggering **360 trees** and **over 3 million pieces of paper**.

If we piled high the prospectuses that we've not printed this year alone, it would tower taller than The Shard or 3 football pitches stacked end-to-end!

**prospectus.wvr.ac.  
uk**



# APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- 1** **Apply as early as possible** – online or fill out a paper application form.
- 2** **Attend** an interview – meet your college tutor and receive your conditional offer.
- 3** Accept your offer on the MyWVR app.
- 4** **Explore** our campus at events – Open Evenings, College Experience Evenings & New Student Welcome Day.
- 5** **Enrol** onto your exciting new course on GCSE Results Day – **20<sup>th</sup> August 2026!**



Hospitality & Catering student in our industry-standard kitchen.

# 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?

Both our Warrington and Winsford campuses are centrally located and easily accessed by public transport. We also have free car parking and bike sheds on campus. To plan your journey to college, visit: [wvr.ac.uk/transport](http://wvr.ac.uk/transport).



Sport student in our onsite gym.

# YEAR 11 OPEN EVENINGS

Warrington Campus,  
5.00pm - 8.00pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Winsford Campus,  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

You **MUST** register in advance at:  
[wvr.ac.uk/openevenings](http://wvr.ac.uk/openevenings)





## Grab your dancing shoes and join us for WVR Dance Academy!

Back for its third year, we are excited to welcome pupils from year 10 and 11 to take centre stage in our **FREE 4-week dance academy!**

Work closely with our highly trained expert dance tutor to hone your performance skills, boost your confidence and make new friends!

**Every Thursday**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

**5.00pm - 6.30pm**

**Warrington campus**

Spaces are limited, so register for your place **NOW:**

**[wvr.ac.uk/danceacademy](http://wvr.ac.uk/danceacademy)**

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*Dance Academy*



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# Any questions?



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